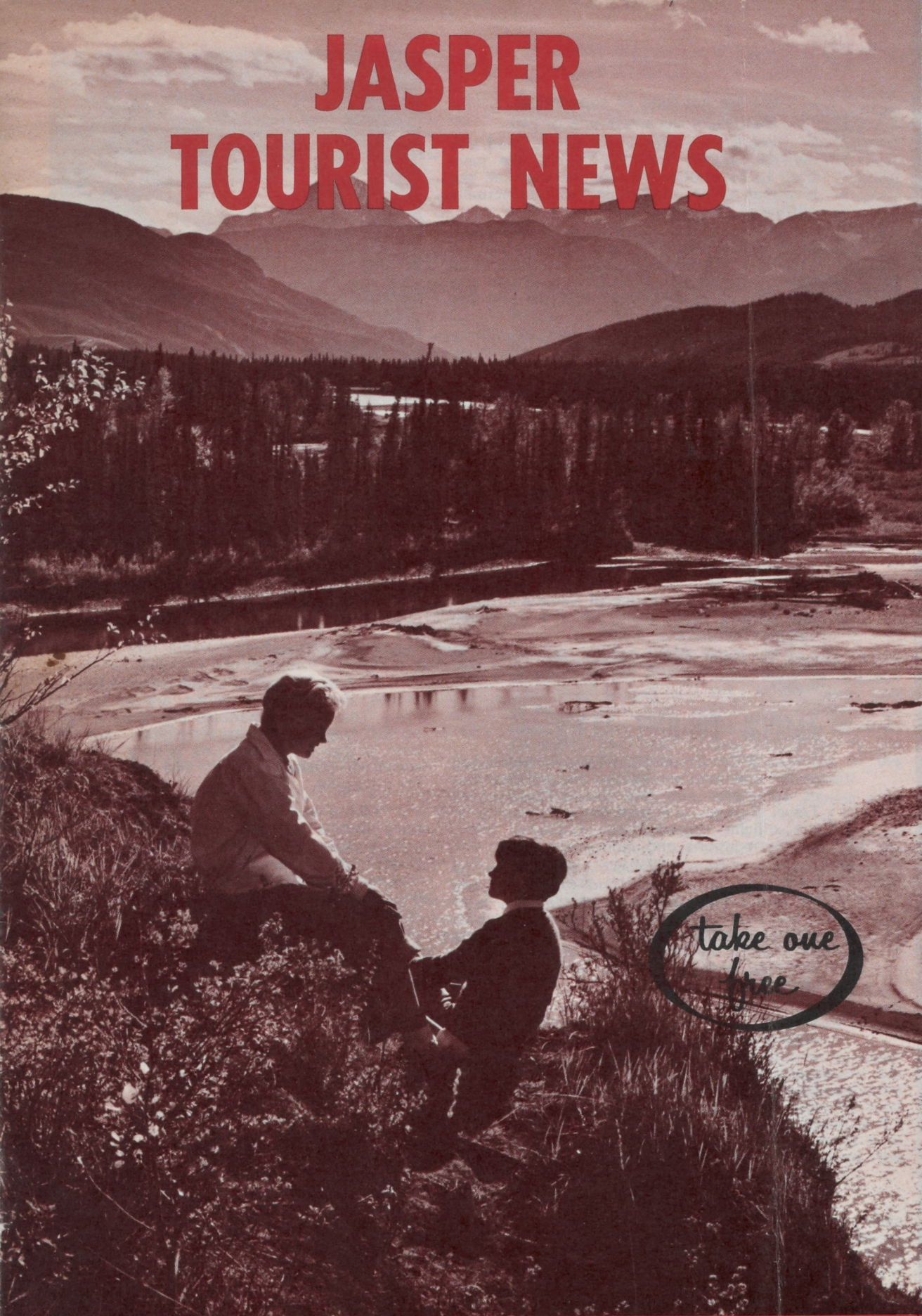


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ABOUT OURSELVES

We are not fond of superlatives.

But Jasper does rate one or two.

You'll encounter some as you read this revised JASPER TOURIST NEWS. We have tried to be subtle. Perhaps we can sell the idea that we are the "most" without actually putting it down on paper.

We have tried to present facts instead of whimsical extravaganzas. The idea behind JTN is that it should act the part of a reliable information bureau — one you can question at leisure, your feet up and the fireplace crackling.

TOURIST NEWS was born a leaflet, a sort of reference manual without advertising. It grew larger as it grew older. It also developed an appetite for money. The flaw in our flimsy economic structure began to show when there were no revenues to offset costs of printing.

This wasn't our original idea of a non-profit enterprise.

We went into a third-down huddle (fourth in U.S.A.) and came up with commercial listings and a few advertisements, enough income to meet production costs.

So if you like JASPER TOURIST NEWS, if it helps to organize your visit here, if it increases your knowledge of Canada's mountain regions, then thank all who are listed herein.

We must admit astute self-interest as well. We hope you'll return often and stay longer.

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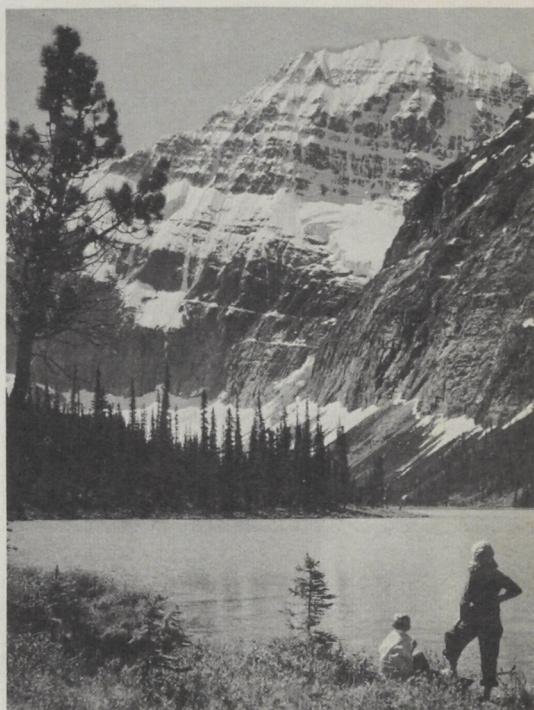
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An hour? Gardens of the administration offices, dazzling in summer, are in central town. The Queen Charlotte totem pole, one of the largest in existence today, may be seen at the CN station. Its history and description, posted nearby, add to interest. Try shopping.

Two or three hours? You may have time for a drive, a walk, a horseback ride, the trip up Whistlers by cablecar, or even a swim. General drives for scenic destinations like Pyramid Lake, Maligne Canyon, the fish hatchery, and Jasper Park Lodge leave on scheduled trips morning and afternoon. Check listings. You have time to walk to Old Fort Point, or climb along the paths of Pyramid Hill behind the town. Or a trail ride can be arranged. The swimming pool is only a walk of five minutes from downtown.

Day? Everything already listed plus longer drives like Cavell, Columbia Icefield, Miette Hot Springs, Mount Robson, even to Maligne Lake by car and bus; a full round of golf; tennis; a day's hike in alpine meadows; go fishing.

Longer? How lucky can you get? Everything from alpinism to long pack trips in the back country. Read inside, or check with the Chamber of Commerce for further suggestions. Happy travelling.

BROCHURES AVAILABLE

A copy of the JASPER brochure is yours for the asking. Revised and published every year by the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, it is lavishly illustrated and contains information and maps of much interest to Canadian Rockies' visitors. The National Parks also publish many brochures, maps and pamphlets, most of which are available at information offices.

Speaking of brochures, we liked a typographical error which appeared some time ago in a Kelowna, B.C., publication. The Okanagan's Kelowna was boasting (and not without reason) about its summer climate, its industries, its good schools. The paragraph went on to say that here was the ideal place for "gracious loving". On second thought . . . WAS it an error?

ONE ROOM FOR ALL JASPER'S TOURISTS

Original "Jasper House" Was Built 150 Years Ago

Jasper's early visitors knew "togetherness". They all checked into the same room.

The original Jasper House was built along the west shore of Brule Lake in the early 1800's. A clerk named Jasper Hawes was in charge. Later, a new post (see photo) was constructed at the foot of Jasper Lake, across the Athabasca River and upstream from Roche Miette. Paul Kane, the painter, visited this new Jasper House in 1846, and wrote: "The dwelling house is composed of two rooms of about fourteen or fifteen feet square. One of them is used by all comers and goers, Indians, voyageurs and traders, men, women and children being huddled together indiscriminately, the other room being devoted to the exclusive occupation of Colin Fraser (postmaster) and his family, consisting of a Cree squaw and nine interesting half-breed children."

Unfortunately, the old building was not preserved although the site is still recognizable and a cairn on the highway near the Rocky River bridge indicates its location. Or you can reach the site by driving to Devona (an offshoot of the road to Celestine Lake) and walking the old tote trail to the banks of the Athabasca River.

The accompanying photograph was taken long before introduction of light, portable camera equipment of today.

Courageous Pioneers Overcame Problems

Early exploratory days in the Canadian Rockies were singularly free from major disasters, despite difficulties and hardships faced by courageous pioneers. Two incidents intrigue and one of them is said to have had a part in the naming of a jut of land.

Disaster Point is a rock outcrop about 25 miles from Jasper along the Edmonton highway. It was a tough obstacle in the early days and the scene of a number of serious accidents. This one, not so serious as frustrating, was recorded in one of the old journals: "The chief's bag got a crush against a rock and his flask that held a drop of brandy, carefully preserved for the next plum pudding, was broken."

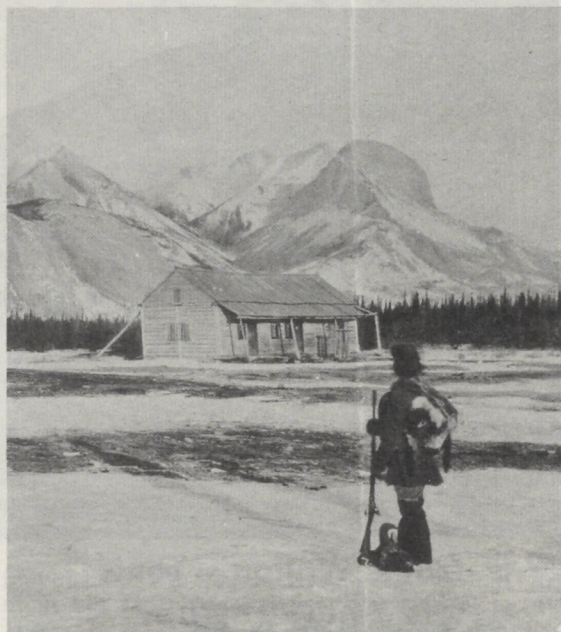
The second "disaster" of similar note is said to have occurred along the Yellowhead route. During railway construction, a barge loaded with rum sank to the bottom of Moose Lake and stayed there in spite of desperate and heroic attempts at recovery. But again fortitude triumphed in the face of adversity and the railway pushed through.

THE LOBSTICK TREE

Lobsticks were markers on early trails through the Rockies, generally indicating river crossings or simply recording an incident which had occurred along the route of travel. A lobstick was easily made; a matter of climbing a tree and lopping off all branches except those near the top. One of the last lobsticks of this area is only a mile north from Jasper, on the banks of the Athabasca River opposite the cemetery. Many years ago it marked a fording point on the river.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society is an active organization which meets regularly throughout the year, and sponsors field trips to points of historical interest during the summers. Interested visitors should contact the secretary of the Jasper Chamber of Commerce for further information.



Athabasca Valley Has Colorful Past

"Jasper Park is historic ground. More stirring scenes in the upbuilding of Canada have been staged in it than in any other part of the Rockies. Men, women and children, representing a score of nationalities, have threaded its trails, and their ghosts still linger in the shadows, their influence still radiates in the colours of mountain, valley and stream."

These are opening words of a book published in 1917 by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa. It tells of the experiences of David Thompson, fur trader, and one of the greatest geographers, who struggled through Athabasca Pass (Jasper) in 1810 and 1811, travelling only six or eight miles a day in the dead of winter, reducing the loads of his dogs, and abandoning even his tent that he could progress at all.

Important Depot

Jasper House was an important depot for the early pack trains and canoe brigades. These early travellers blazed routes which are in use today as highways and railways.

The area was reasonably rich in fur-bearing animals and scene of bitter rivalry between companies vying for the substantial returns from the trade. Supply of game for food would seem to have been sporadic. Some of the journals describe it as ample while others note hardships and rationing in times when the larders were low.

First "Express"

Fascinating journals and records relate stories of pioneer travellers through Jasper. Gold-seekers, fur brigades, and explorers sought routes to the Pacific coast. Some braved river dangers of the Yellowhead Pass and the mighty Fraser. Others fought currents of the Athabasca River to the Whirlpool, worked arduous passage to the Columbia and Boat Encampment on the Big Bend. There they met brigades from the Pacific and together inaugurated the first "express" service between Hudson Bay and the west coast.

It's an inspiring story, the line of historic events which led to the setting aside of Jasper as a park area in 1907 and fixing of its boundaries in 1914.

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FISHERMEN BEST WHEN IT COMES TO RELAXING



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A fisherman probably knows more about relaxation than anybody.

Consider his methods:

He'll squat lazily in a boat, occasionally giving an oar a wee push or even exerting himself to the extent of relighting his pipe.

Or he'll wade a stream or lakeshore, casting a lure into pools or placid waters, marveling at his own adeptness and wondering how in the world a fish can resist.

Back in camp, he narrates to all who'll listen. Arms wave, fingers spread, as action is recalled. The cooking fire has to be watched carefully, the sizzling fish turned in the pan. All this is exercise.

Sounds like satisfactory and therapeutic relaxation? Brother, it IS.

Jasper fishing improves each year; so do the fishermen who visit here. They soon learn that agile mountain trout, on light tackle, don't react like deep-lake sluggards on a copper line, nor are mountain fish fooled as easily as species with only elementary education.

Jasper trout are knowing characters, you understand. Many have been graduated from the local hatchery where they attended classes in lure-familiarization prior to release in the lakes.

SCENIC DISTRACTIONS

Here in the mountains the angler has another strike against him. Too many distractions . . . a doe deer and fawn gracefully walking the shoreline, big ears suddenly alert as the lure settles on the surface . . . a snowpeak mirrored in clear waters . . . the call of the loon or splashy scudding of a grebe . . . the colored flash as a Rainbow trout rises 20 feet away . . .

All this is part of the Jasper angler's day, all this and catching fish as well. Each year the catch increases. Each year brings more adherents to this wonderful means of enjoying the outdoors and deriving respite from workaday chores.

Improvement in Jasper angling is not only a matter of increased stocking in proven lakes. Each season the hatchery staff plants more areas, and lakes which have been polluted by coarse fish are reclaimed. Most of the waters are not fished for almost eight months of the year so they are never "fished out".

Who is the most persistent fisherman?

It's a good question, but the staff of the Jasper Fish Hatchery has a positive reply. To men at the hatchery the Canadian mink tops the list.

THEY LOVE FISH

Traps at the hatchery capture many mink each season. To this determined animal the fences protecting fish pools are no stronger than a single strand of rusted wire. He'll find the weakness and claw through. Then he'll feast happily on luscious rainbow trout, splake, eastern brook and all or any of the variety of species raised at this prolific hatchery.

Once trapped, the mink usually is given a daub of paint to identify him as a one-time hatchery visitor and escorted to some lake or stream miles away. It's a standing story that they sometimes beat the truck back to the hatchery.

You must visit this hatchery, where scheduled guided tours add to the interest. Courteous and knowledgeable staff members are always happy to explain its functions, and to show you trout from three weeks old to real grand-dads. Kids, especially, enjoy the antics in the fish ponds. And your youngsters won't be daubed with the telltale paint brush unless they show the same tendencies as the fish-hungry mink.

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CARE AND THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN NAMING OF PEAKS

Evident among those who appreciate mountains, including many visitors, is a growing sentiment that more discretion should be given the naming of peaks. A mountain, after all, is a relatively permanent object.

Mountains should be named, is the thought; either in a descriptive sense or with a tie-in of local historical significance.

Old Man Mountain at Jasper is an example of a range named in a descriptive sense. From most of the valley, this summit has all the characteristics of a face—the forehead, nose, chin, even the eyes. Mount Tekarra, across the valley from Old Man, exemplifies the second category. Tekarra was a noted guide and hunter for the explorer Hector in 1859. Others of our mountains have been named to honor missionaries, geologists, pioneering travelers. Excellent descriptive names feature the castellated Ramparts in Tonquin Valley — Dungeon, Redoubt, Casemate, Bastion and Turret.

OTHER NAME SOURCES

Here are name sources for other of Jasper's mountains, lakes and rivers.

Pyramid Mountain: Its peak, particularly from the north, has the likeness of a great pyramid.

Mount Edith Cavell: In exploratory days was famous landmark, known as The Great White Mountain and The Mountain of the Great Traverse as it marked a point where the Athabasca River had to be forded on the route to continental divide. After First World War the mountain was renamed to honor the heroine British nurse.

Mount Charlton: After an advertising agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Lake Edith: After the wife of a general superintendent of the G.T.P.

Maligne: A treacherous ford at the river's mouth is said to have given name to river, canyon, lake and mountain range.

Patricia Lake: After the daughter of a former governor general of Canada.

Roche de Smet: After missionary who traversed Rockies many years ago.

Franchere Mt.: After member of Astor party (hence Astoria River) which passed through Jasper's valley in early 1800's.

Roche Miette: Thought to have derived its name from a French voyageur "who climbed its summit and sat smoking his pipe with his legs hanging over the fearful abyss".

Whistlers and Marmot: Both mountains are homes of the whistling marmots.

Athabasca: Indian name meaning "place where there are reeds", and referring to the delta of the river.

Colin Mountain: Thought to have been named for Colin Fraser, postmaster at old Jasper House.

Old Fort Point: A hunting lodge called Old Fort was in this vicinity.

Yellowhead: A trapper known as Yellowhead (Tete Jaune) cached furs in the area.

Sunwapta: Indian descriptive word meaning turbulent.

Mount Robson: Highest peak in Canadian Rockies. Several theories but actual origin of name unknown.

Jasper: Jasper Hawes was manager of old trading post in this area.

Lac Beauvert: From the French: "Beautiful Green".

Mount Kerkeslin: Believed derived from French for wolverine, "carcajou". Early explorers reported wolverine on Kerkeslin's slopes.

WHAT'S A BILLION YEARS IN GEOLOGY?

Jasper Valley once was lake bottom

We never mention this, but a publication of the Canadian government once likened Jasper's geological formations to a great symphony orchestra and those of another mountain park, by comparison, to a small section of strings. Someone must have objected because in recent issues these references to music have been deleted.

Jasper's foothills and mountains cover most of the span charting the Earth's ages. The valley in which the town is situated was a lake in Pleistocene times, many thousands of years ago, and the ridges you see above the railway and highway as you motor east mark the sands of the ancient shoreline. At the other extreme are Pre-Cambrian formations low on Pyramid Mountain and Mount Edith Cavell, and other points including The Endless Chain. These date well back, possibly about a billion years.

Here are some accessible spots where fossils may be found. Please bear in mind that fossils must not be removed from their natural locations. They are protected, as are all natural features in a national park.

Cold Sulphur Springs, just beyond the 12-mile bridge enroute Edmonton—"Spirifer Jasperensis" (sea shells) may be found in the upper one foot of limestone directly below black shales above and to right of the spring. Glacial-scoured limestone is at left.

Roche Miette vicinity — Seaweeds, corals, bryozoans, and some trilobite fragments under exposed rockfaces like those above the Alpine Club hut. On the high north-west shoulder of Roche Miette itself, in the yellow formations, are interesting slabs of ancient ocean floor and beaches with the sand ripples easily discernible.

At Columbia Icefield:

Parker Ridge—About a mile toward Banff from hostel cabins, then 1/2-mile or so up to the right from highway, is the start of a large coral reef containing a great variety of corals and other fossils like the large coiled cephalopods and mollusks.

Dry creekbeds from Nigel Mountain, right near highway, have lamp shells in abundance.

Above snowmobile offices—Trilobites in slabs about a half-hour's hike from parking lot.

Tangle Ridge—Fossilized sponges are fairly high on talus slopes about the centre of mountain-side facing south; trilobites (ancestors of the King crab) may be found high on the west side overhanging the road.

Oddity for the Record—One of best trilobite specimens yet recovered in Jasper was found by a youngster as he pawed through a small rockpile in the public school yard.

"PASS THE SUGAR"

Jasper once boasted two railways, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern. Both entered the Park from the East and left by the Yellowhead Pass in the West, travelling side by side or on opposite banks of the rivers. Near Geikie, west of Jasper, they ran so close together that "if one chef found his sugar supply a little low he simply reached out and borrowed from the other railway". Need for steel for World War I resulted in amalgamation of the two lines under the government's Canadian National Railways. Subsequently the rails of one line were torn up and shipped to France. CN's main line now serves Jasper with direct connection to all important centres East and West.

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HIGH-COUNTRY TRAVELLERS GET "FEEL" OF MOUNTAINS

Hikers, Climbers and Trail Riders Know Exhilaration

Most of those who have ridden or hiked in the high country of the Rockies are convinced that the "feel" of the mountains is reserved for those who travel at timberline or above.

A famous mountaineer once wrote:

"There is much comfort in high hills,
and a great easing of the heart."

In our book, Geoffrey Winthrop Young was right. For an afternoon, a day, or an extended camping trip there is nothing to top the combination of content and exhilaration which travels with you along the skyline.

To Gain Some Height

It's a long way from true high country but if all this is new to you let's try a short hike or ride where you have to gain a bit of elevation. Old Fort Point, a 15-minute walk from town, needs less than a half-hour to ascend. Take it slowly to a historic 360-degree viewpoint of the Athabasca Valley. If walking, you can go straight up from the wooden stairway. If riding, follow the trail to the left and behind.

Next, drive along the Edmonton highway past the Lodge bridge. At a point about a half-mile beyond the bridge you'll note that the high ridges leading up to the left suddenly level out to a flat stretch of prairie-land. Park right there and hike up the ridge to an interesting plateau, another fine viewpoint which enables you to look down at Pyramid Lake, the Athabasca flowing North, and the lakes of the valley. You'll reach the plateau in anything from 30 minutes to an hour, depending on your pace.

Let's go upstairs

These two out of the way, let's move to the real high country. It is easier than you think. Jasper is surrounded by high country; all you have to do is to get above the timber!

At this point you may wish to seek information from the park naturalist service at the administration office, or to discuss a program with one of the wardens whose patrol jobs lead them to all areas of Jasper Park. You can learn about the remote back-country and also of the accessible hikes into Cavell alplands, the walks over the top from Jasper Sky Tram, and the historic routes past old Indian homes of the Athabasca Trail.

Let's consider Cavell alplands. The hike actually starts at Cavell Chalet near the base of the mountain. You are getting underway at 6500 feet, only a few hundred below timberline. Signs lead you along a trail across from Angel Glacier, then over the moraine and up through a fine forest of Engelmann spruce, pine and fir. Develop a slow, steady rhythm; you'll tire early if you hurry. A good trick is to choose a tune to suit the pace, then hum it to yourself.

Within a half-hour of the final turnoff from the moraine you should be in the flower-spangled alpine slopes, strolling through acres of lovely arnica, paint brush, saxifrage, willowherb and moss campion. Beyond are lovely lakes and tarns and snowslopes. If you're observant you might see herds of caribou or elk. Allow yourself at least a half-day for this trip. Pack food and rain gear.

On Horse or Foot

Now you are on the way. Many are the fine trips of one-half to a full day, some on foot, others by horse. Parker Ridge (there's a trail) at the icefield or above the campgrounds toward Wilcox Peak; the Opals or Bald Hills at Maligne Lake; the high trails from Amethyst Lake in the Tonquin; the endless possibilities leading from the upper terminal of the Jasper Tram; the Palisades, to the lookout from Pyramid Lake; hikes near Miette Hot Springs; and the prize trip of all in the immediate area, the Skyline Trail to Maligne Lake . . . two, three or more days on horseback or your own good feet . . . where someday, it is hoped, shelters and alpine huts will mark the route.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING IS REWARDING RECREATION

Because Jasper can boast most of the highest peaks in the Canadian Rockies, this area each year is visited by hundreds of mountain climbers. Many come on their own or employ local guides, while groups like Seattle Mountaineers, the Sierra Club, and the Alpine Club of Canada stage annual camps in the high country. In addition to its climbing program, the ACC holds ski camps each Spring, usually at Easter. Canadian youth hostels have also launched a training program.

Most "non-mountainous" persons have the idea that alpinism is an incredibly dangerous sport. They believe that mountaineering involves hanging to cliffs by fingernails or being tied (always face out) to precipitous outcrops while frigid winds and driving snow add to the general discomfort.

Exacting Sport

Admittedly, there is a challenge to this sport and with the challenge an element of danger. But if the climber learns techniques and does not venture beyond his capabilities and good sense, this can be among the finest and most rewarding of recreations. Accidents befall the untrained climbers who fail to understand that alpinism is an exacting sport and one for which good schooling is imperative.

To engage the services of a certified alpine guide is good sense. His reassuring presence and wide knowledge can add immeasurably to appreciation of the local mountains and enjoyment of a climb. Embryo climbers are amazed at their progress under good tutelage.

Two aims of the Alpine Club of Canada, one of the oldest and best mountaineering groups in North America: To teach safe travel in the mountains; to teach appreciation of the great peaks, knowledge of the alpine flowers, the animals, and the fascinating geology of Canada's mountains.

All the climbing clubs welcome applications from prospective members.

Trail riding has many points in its favor. You don't expend too much of your own energy and you have the time to get most from surroundings which are always scenic and often spectacular. The high trails lead to viewpoints totally unbeknown to those who insist on doing ALL their sight-seeing from the rump-springing upholstery of an automobile.

The horse outfitters at Jasper, Jasper Park Lodge, and those in the foothills just east of the park can give you best advice about riding. The entire Jasper area is replete with good safe routes. You can arrange to have a horse for a couple of hours, if you wish, or a half-day. A day from Jasper will take you to the picturesque Valley of the Five Lakes (good fishing) or even to the summit of Whistlers Mountain where you'll be able to flaunt your exploit to those who rode the Sky Tram. Tonquin Valley and return can be scheduled for two days, as can the ride through Valley of the Thousand Falls to Berg Lake at Mount Robson. Day and overnight trail trips from the foothills ranches lead to destinations like fascinating Folding Mountains.

More and more holidayers, many with families, are devoting entire vacations to pack trips. The packers will go out for a few days or a month, riding deep into the back country of the Canadian Rockies.

The outfitters also hold the key to the thousands of square miles of big game hunting country beyond the boundaries of the park sanctuary. Prized by hunters are mountain sheep and goats, grizzlies and black bear, moose, caribou, elk and deer, all inhabitants of these vast mountain reaches.

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CANADIAN ROCKIES DRIVING AND SIGHT-SEEING LEAD IN POPULARITY

We still condole with our friend who blew into a local office, waving arms and complaining in voice for all to hear.

He had been "taken" by our publicity. Motoring from Calgary, he had not seen a tenth of the advertised views. "What about the Columbia Icefields?" he demanded. "One of the largest in America, it says here. Never saw a sign of it. Where is Bow Lake? I must have come on the wrong road."

Somebody thought to ask how long his trip had taken.

"Let's see. Left Calgary at eight, in here just after noon."

His answer, of course. Just over four hours for about 250 miles of western scenery is cutting travel time a little thin.

Sightseeing remains most popular of recreations in the Canadian Rockies. But the wise motorist takes time to SEE the mountains. Admittedly, so much scenery can become overpowering occasionally. But let's stop at the viewpoints, get out the binoculars and cameras, let the kids have a real look at the deer beside the road, and give us all a chance to wonder at the miracle of a tumbling waterfall or reflections in a tranquil lake.

Jasper's drives are many and varied, whether you drive your own car or travel by bus or limousine. Newest of our Canadian Rockies highways is the Jasper-Banff, 180 miles of superb two-lane with wide shoulders which permit parking at virtually any point.

The drives can keep you on the move, and enthralled, for several days. Let's learn about some of them:

JASPER TO COLUMBIA ICEFIELD (62 miles)—

Longest road in the Park, the north link of the Jasper-Banff highway. Recommended full-day trip as the scenery is magnificent, and you should allow time for the unique ride by snowmobile to a point three miles up the Athabasca Glacier. Points of interest include Athabasca Falls (19 miles and only 200 yards off the new highway); Athabasca Viewpoint or Goat Viewpoint (22 miles), a good spot to see mountain goats and an excellent viewpoint over the Athabasca River; Sunwapta Falls (35 miles), a short drive off the highway but well worth it; Stutfield Glacier viewpoint (59 miles), your first "closeups" of the great peaks and icefalls of the Columbia Icefield; Sunwapta Canyon (60 miles), a spacious viewpoint with a 180-degree look at Columbia Icefield mountains.

JASPER TO MOUNT EDITH CAVELL (18 miles)

—Starts out along Jasper-Banff highway, swings off to right at about seven miles south of Jasper, then climbs in easy switchbacks to 6500 feet. The road commands wide views of the Athabasca Valley, and at Mile 16 has a viewpoint panorama of Throne Mountain, the Astoria River Valley, and the distant peaks of the Eremita and the Tonquin. When you reach Cavell Chalet it's an idea to stock up with peanuts because this spot is noted for its irresistible beggars. The jays, squirrels and chipmunks give top entertainment but they demand payment. By all means, don't neglect to take the easy trail (off to the left) leading to viewpoints of Glacier of the Angel, only a short stroll but an awe-inspiring view. The new road leading from Athabasca Falls to Jasper can make your Cavell visit part of a circle trip. When coming down from Cavell, turn right at the first turnoff (about nine miles) and head for Athabasca Falls on the alternate No. 93. It is only nine miles to the Falls, over winding road along the Athabasca River, past Valley of the Crooked Trees, Leach Lake and the Whirlpool River. You can return to Jasper over the new No. 93, travelling to Horseshoe Lake and high viewpoints over the Athabasca valley.

JASPER TO PYRAMID LAKE (five miles)—

A short, rewarding trip leading above Jasper townsite, past Patricia Lake, and to the base of multi-colored Pyramid Mountain. At the Pyramid Lake turnpoint is a footbridge to a pleasant picnic grounds on the nearby island. If you have binoculars you'll be able to make

out detail of the microwave tower on the very summit of Pyramid.

JASPER TO MALIGNE CANYON (9 miles) and MEDICINE LAKE (23 miles) — Head out on the Edmonton road and cross the bridge which is also access to Jasper Park Lodge. When you arrive at the teahouse at Maligne Canyon, park, and walk down trail for best views of the deep gorges. If you have someone to drive your car, consider the hike (about a mile) from the teahouse to the fifth bridge, a pleasant walk which is all downhill. Your car can meet you at the fifth bridge, another picnic spot. In taking this walk you see all the canyon, including the points where the underground streams from Medicine Lake join the Maligne River. Medicine Lake, the "disappearing lake", is only a few miles above the canyon teahouse. You can drive beyond the far end of Medicine over good new highway to the takeoff point for trips to Maligne Lake, at present a bus journey of five miles.

JASPER TO THE WHISTLERS (about 3 miles)—

This short drive from Jasper opens up a vista of town, rivers and lakes in the Athabasca Valley. Whistlers is an important part of Jasper's ski development and also site of the lower terminal for trip to the summit via Jasper Sky Tram.

JASPER TO EAST GATE (34 miles) and MIETTE HOT SPRINGS (38 miles)—An entertaining drive any time of day or evening, a trip on which you may see many animals (sheep, goat, moose, elk, deer, coyotes) and birds. The mountains, with many folds and precipices, are unusual, their great limestone slabs leading to sharp aretes and summits.

MIETTE HOT SPRINGS is the site of a large, modern swimming pool built by the government and utilizing the hot mineral springs. (See Shutterbug Guide.) Other points of interest: Cold sulphur springs (12); Talbot Lake (18); Rocky River (22); Roche Miette (27); Punchbowl Falls (on Hot Springs road at 28 miles).

JASPER TO CELESTINE LAKE—Watch for turnoff to left about seven miles from Jasper along Edmonton highway. Cross Snaring River and take another turnoff to left. This is a one-way road and you should check the road sign or information office about hours-in and hours-out. You'll find interesting old Indian houses just a few miles in; they date back to about the turn of the century. Take it cautiously on spots like Windy Point. This route is not recommended to those unaccustomed to mountain trails. Good fishing is rule of thumb at Celestine Lake and it's possible also to drive or walk to the lookout tower beyond. When driving near the Rocky River bridge along the Edmonton highway you can pick out the tower with naked eye.

THE YELLOWHEAD—Leads to **MOUNT ROBSON (58 miles)** and on to Pacific Coast via Kamloops. Robson (see Shutterbug Guide) is highest mountain in the Canadian Rockies, thrusts almost two vertical miles above the valley of the Fraser River. Fine picnicking and camping facilities at Yellowhead Lake (boat launching) and at Robson itself. When nearing Robson watch for sign pointing out path to big waterfalls, only 10 minutes walk. On the road to Mount Robson Ranch (a mile or so off the Yellowhead Highway) is a bridge spanning the thundering gorge of the Fraser River. A grove of tremendous cedar trees is just a little further along. Robson Ranch is also the take-off point for pack trips through the Valley of the Thousand Falls to Berg Lake and the glacier-clad north face of Mount Robson.

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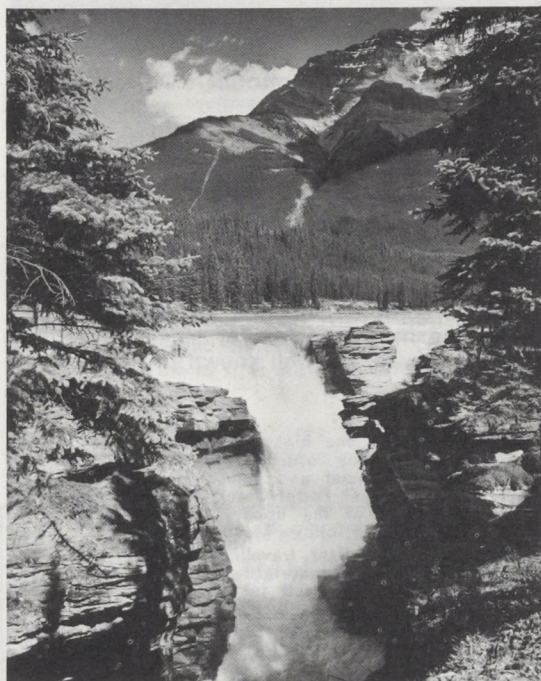
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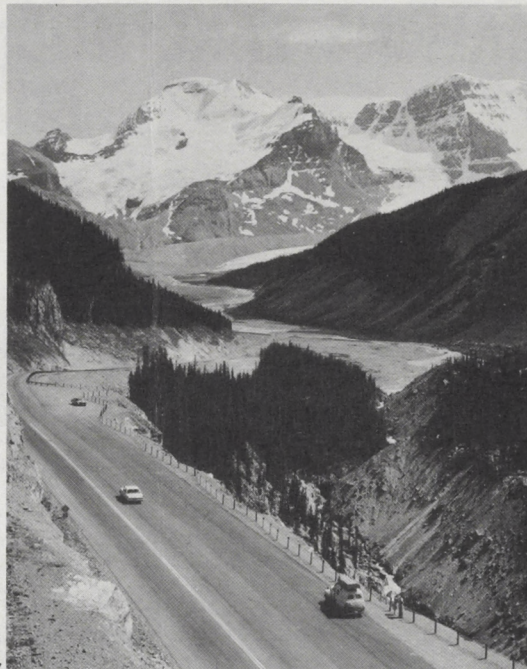
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JASPER TO BANFF A SAGA ON SKIS AT 50° BELOW ZERO

Nowadays you can drive between Jasper and Banff (180 miles) in a few hours, over a modern highway through some of the finest scenery in the world.

It wasn't always this way. Before the original gravel road was pushed through in 1940, the distance between the two resorts represented an exhausting journey by packtrain, hiking, or on skis.

One of the most daring trips was the dead-of-winter expedition of five Jasper skiers who conquered storms and cold of 1930. Buffeted by blizzards, camping in 50-below weather, they reached their destination in 12 days. In 1937, three climbers toting 90-pound packs hiked from Banff to Jasper, following closely the route of the present highway. They liked the trek so much they repeated it the following summer.



THE ICEFIELD HIGHWAY



MOUNT ROBSON

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If you are travelling by bus or guided tour don't believe everything you hear from your driver. It's not a question of honesty; it's a matter of the long-practised art of leg-pulling at which these fellows sometimes excel.

There's the time-honored one about the rocks of the moraine. "Yes," he'll tell you, "The glaciers brought those down." Innocently, someone will ask the whereabouts of the glacier at the moment. This paves the way for the punchline of course. "It's gone over the mountain after more stones," your driver concludes.

Rather than risk the driver's fun, and yours, we'll repeat no more of the old dependables. Be on your guard but don't discourage him. These carefully-selected drivers, in their serious moments, are sources of accurate information on Jasper.

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MALIGNE LAKE AND TONQUIN VALLEY

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THE NARROWS AT MALIGNE



RAMPARTS OF THE TONQUIN

Of Jasper Park's 4,200 square miles, less than five percent can be classed as developed area. After taking into account the highway swaths, the town and subdivisions, the campsites, bungalow camps and other necessary services, a liberal estimate would place only 200 square miles in the "man-touched" category. Four thousand square miles remain in the original state of wilderness.

Some areas rank more or less as borderline cases between the developed and the wilderness. Most accessible of these are Maligne Lake and Tonquin Valley. Each has its especial charm, yet each has distinguishing characteristics which set it apart.

Maligne is soul-satisfying, an exquisitely-colored lake which, in a sense, complements the symmetry of the mountains encircling it. The towering Ramparts of the Tonquin, described as the most spectacular single range of mountains in the Canadian Rockies, dominate Amethyst Lake. Both lakes, by the way, are well known to fishermen, Amethyst for its rainbow trout, Maligne for its speckled.

INDIANS KNEW MALIGNE

At the turn of the century only a few nomadic Indians knew of Maligne's existence. Many avoided the area because of a superstition. To them it was Chaba Imne, or Beaver Lake.

A trail rider from Philadelphia (Mary Schaffer) was one of the first of the white race to view Maligne's expanse and beauty. She and her guides packed from Laggan (Lake Louise) to Columbia Icefield and over Pobokton Pass, following directions of an Indian map. They reached the shores of the "hidden lake" on July 8, 1908.

Pioneer Fred Brewster of Jasper first rode to Maligne Lake in 1911 and actually guided "dude" trips there before the outbreak of the First World War. After his return from overseas, and the cutting of a new trail between Medicine Lake and Maligne, Major Brewster conducted regular rides from Jasper.

Today, while most visitors go to Maligne by car and bus, many still choose the adventure of the ride or hike amid the imposing grandeur of The Skyline Trail. As a pack trip with horses (hikers often take longer) The Skyline is two days between Jasper and Maligne. It is above timber and through lush alplands of Tekarra Basin, Shovel Pass and Snowbowl, with an overnight stop in Big Shovel. Scenery is magnificent. At times the trail winds along at 8,000 feet, more than double Jasper town's elevation above sea level.

DAY TRIP POSSIBLE

Maligne may be visited in a day, morning departure from Jasper. The usual package includes the return trip from Jasper or Medicine Lake, a "voyage" by launch to the south end of the lake (18 miles each way), and meals. There are also fishermen's specials; instead of the launch trip the anglers are supplied with boats and turned loose in productive bays.

The voyage up-lake has few equals, a moving pan of summits, glaciers and cascades. At the half-way point the launch takes a wide sweep to swing into a secluded cove. You'll recognize your whereabouts at once, a scene known world-over. Here is the Narrows, and the jut-of-land which is either a peninsula or an island, governed by water level of the moment. It has known a variety of names . . . Sprite Island, for one; F/II by a photographic tour; Isle of View, probably the inspiration of honeymooners. Whatever the name, this is the delight of lensmen, artists, and those content just to look.

Once in an area like Maligne or Tonquin, visitors should remain at least a day. It's beyond our descriptive powers, but you'll know what we mean if you watch the alpenglow on Maligne's peaks after sunset, and are up for morning calm. A stayover also gives time to ride or hike in the alpine meadows, or to fish Maligne River and high lakes like Mona and Lorraine. These experiences add up to a restful and memorable vacation.

TONQUIN VALLEY

To reach Tonquin Valley in summer you have two choices. You ride horses . . . or you walk. Most ride. There are three routes.

One leads into Tonquin from the highway viewpoint near Mount Edith Cavell, up the Astoria Valley, over a high alpland trail (see photograph) and down to the chalet and camps at Amethyst Lake. A second trail leaves the highway at Portal Creek, rises over Maccarib Pass, its destination the camps at the upper end of Amethyst. A third trail goes in from Geikie and follows Meadow Creek.

Either of the first two is excellent travelling. They pass through spectacular scenery and end at comfortable accommodation. The Meadow Creek trail is sometimes difficult to follow, especially as it nears Tonquin. And it's a real roller-coaster, up and down all the way. It is used mostly by climbers planning to camp below peaks at the north end of The Ramparts, especially if assaults are aimed at 10,854-foot Mount Geikie.

RAMPARTS ARE EXCITING

Tonquin will awe you. The trip from Cavell viewpoint is a good illustration. The excitement builds up during the early stages in the morning, subsides at half-way lunchtime, then rises again as the trail switchbacks under the gendarmes of Old Horn. As the alplands (lupine, gentian and heather) are crossed, the serrated Ramparts appear on the horizon, looming larger and higher with every step. Then the view opens up . . . acres of flowers, Amethyst Lake, mighty glaciers, and the main range of the precipitous Ramparts.

The Portal Creek trail rises to 7,100 feet as it leads over flowered alpine meadows of Maccarib Pass and follows the ripply meanderings of Maccarib Creek to the north end of Amethyst Lake. Maccarib is well-named. In Indian, the word means "caribou". The packtrain traveler over the pass is almost certain to see these inquisitive animals of the high country. Jasper's caribou are among the darkest and largest of the species.

Principal peaks of the Divide are in the Rampart massif and center about the highest summit, Simon Peak (10,899 feet). They seem to rise almost perpendicularly in their vertical mile of lift above Amethyst Lake.

REAL FISHING

Amethyst Lake is synonymous with best rainbow trout fishing in the Rockies. Trolling boats are there; casting from the shore usually results in good catches as well.

To Surprise Point is always a popular hike, with a view toward the Eremite and Fraser Glaciers, and taking in Clitheroe, Old Horn, Black Horn and peaks toward the East. The meadows of Clitheroe also make for inviting hiking or riding.

As Tonquin is a two-day trip, longer if you wish, you must spend a night in the area. This is all to the good. Evening light among these great mountains is often brilliant and wild as storms buffet the high summits. Morning is best time of day for photographing the Ramparts.

Walking into the Tonquin is certainly not out of the question; it is done frequently. But don't overlook the fact that mountain miles (it's 12 miles by Cavell, 15 by Portal) are not at all like flat-country miles. Allow the better part of a day for each way. If you wish accommodation make arrangements before you leave Jasper. A warm bed and shelter, capping a good meal, can spell out well-merited relaxation after a long hike.

JASPER HAS OWN PHENOMENON IN LAKE WHICH DISAPPEARS

Newspapers frequently carry stories about new islands in the Pacific, atolls and reefs which appear with no advance notice. Conversely, they're losing islands out there just about as regularly.

To counter all this publicity Jasper has a bewitched sort of lake which appears every spring, stays around all Summer, then disappears in the Fall.

Medicine Lake starts out in early Spring as a gravel bed but the drainage from the Maligne system rapidly transforms it to a lovely body of water five miles long and 60 feet deep. As the flow of water from Maligne is reasonably constant throughout the summer there isn't much fluctuation until the cooler nights bring about a slowdown in the melting process of the glaciers and snowfields.

While Medicine has no surface outlet, except during periods of extremely high water, there are great drainage holes in the lake bottom and it is through these the waters disappear. It's believed that all the water leaving Medicine through these underground channels emerges below the main gorges of Maligne Canyon, several miles away.

This You Must See

Maligne Canyon, only a few minutes drive from Jasper, is one of those "musts" when you are visiting here. Maligne is where a mere human can see Nature at work, where turbulent waters and milling boulders have worn their way through Devonian limestone, cutting a sheer passage to form one of the most spectacular of the Rockies' canyons.

This process of unrelenting erosion has been going on for many centuries. While you can get a good idea of the results, the canyon's great depths, its waterfalls and the huge potholes, simply by walking a couple of hundred yards below the teahouse, you'll find even more rewarding the hike to the suspension bridge (the fifth bridge) a mile below. The trail is fine walking and ends where you may be picked up by car.

Suggestion—Draw lots to see who drives the car from the teahouse to the suspension bridge. Everyone else walks!

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MALIGNE CANYON

RELATED READING

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Also available, at the National Parks information offices, are government publications dealing with nature trails, geology, flowers, animals, etc. and topographical maps of excellent scale and detail.

THE DAY HAS TWENTY HOURS

Jasper's long days in summer may call for some adjustment in sleeping habits. In June, for instance, many days have 20 hours of daylight, July 19, August 18.

THOUGHT DURING BAD WEATHER . . .

"If all our misfortunes were laid in a heap, whence every one must take an equal share, most persons would be content to take their own and depart."—Plutarch.

"All tourists cherish an illusion, of which no amount of experience can ever completely cure them; they imagine they will find time, in the course of their travels, to do a lot of reading."

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Each refers to Snow Dome at the Columbia Icefield. And here is what it all means:

Snow Dome Mountain is so situated in the Icefield that melting waters from its snow flow into three oceans.

From the highway side, near the chalet, it empties into Sunwapta River which in turn joins the Athabasca and the Mackenzie River watersheds, finally ending in the Arctic Ocean.

A further flow finds the Atlantic at Hudson Bay through the channels of the North Saskatchewan River. You can see the beginnings of the Saskatchewan at the base of the long highway grade a few miles south of the Jasper-Banff boundary.

Third ocean served by Snow Dome is the Pacific, reached through tributaries of the Columbia and the mighty river itself. This flow starts from remote sections of the Icefield, several miles from the highway, picks up momentum in gigantic gorges and finally enters the Pacific in U.S.A.

SOME SAUCER!

We have heard the Columbia Icefield likened to a great saucer. This saucer of ancient ice and snow rests at a general altitude of 9,000 feet above sea level. Great mountains form the rim, thrusting white summits to higher than 12,000 feet. Breaks in the rim of the saucer are the glaciers which "flow" toward the valleys. The massive plateau, plus the rim and the breaks, encloses an area of nearly 150 square miles to form the centre of the greatest known accumulation of ice in the Rocky Mountains.

From the Jasper-Banff highway you are looking up one of the big "breaks" in the saucer. That's enormous Athabasca Glacier. Quickly now, as you look . . . How far is it from the toe of the glacier to the skyline or "col" (high pass) between the bordering mountains? Well, it is about seven airline miles, more of course as the iceworm crawls. And the gain in elevation from toe to col is almost 3,000 feet. The actual ice depth ranges from 600 to 1,000 feet.

The Athabasca, like other glaciers of the Icefield, is a remnant of the huge ice-cap which once held much of North America in frigid grip. An average of records kept over the last 20 years or so indicates that the Athabasca is receding at the rate of about 200 feet a year while moving down, or ahead, 100 feet. While its net loss is 100 feet a year, a good many moons will pass before the Athabasca relinquishes its hold in Jasper Park.

The Snowmobile Ride

From the Information Building near the highway you may pick up a descriptive brochure which tells the story of the Columbia Icefield with much more detail than we are permitted here. It's worth reading. Even better is to study the Icefield at close range. And here's how:

Every day in the summer season a fleet of snowmobiles operates from terminal offices to a point about three miles up the Athabasca Glacier. You'll be able to see them from the highway, specks in motion over the vast expanse of ice.

Hundreds ride these machines every year; so many, in fact, that the operators suggest you schedule your ride on either side of the peak hours from noon to two p.m.

There's a thrill in this ride. First of all, if you're average, it's your first jaunt in a snowmobile. Secondly, when did you last journey over an ice-cube 1,000 feet deep and six miles long?

The experienced drivers know their glacier vehicles and, equally important, they are versed in lore of the Icefield. As you ride, they'll point out crevasses, seracs, moraines, ice-falls, glacier tables and moulins. At the turnaround, you'll disembark for a few minutes, get the feel of the ice underfoot, probably toss some snowballs, and use up all the film in your camera. The operators keep even the shutterbugs in mind; each snowmobile (at last count there were 15) is painted a color different from its mates.

High Mountain Region

The Columbia Icefield is a region of great mountains. Of the 24 highest in the Canadian Rockies, 11 are Icefield peaks.

Ranking after Mount Robson (12,972 feet), west of Jasper and Monarch of the Canadian Rockies, are the Icefield's Columbia (12,294 feet) and North Twin (12,085).

Mount Athabasca (11,452 feet), dominating snowpeak seen to left as you look up the Athabasca Glacier from Columbia Icefield Chalet, is 17th in Canadian Rockies listings. Mount Kitchener, the straight-cliffed snowpeak to the right, has an elevation of 11,500 feet and is 13th. Snow Dome, to Kitchener's left (with Snow Dome Glacier between) is slightly lower at 11,340 but drops to 22nd place.

Other massive peaks, rims of our saucer, are beyond line of sight from the highway. Interesting, though, is the fact that Mount Alberta, 11,874 feet and sixth highest in the Canadian Rockies, may be seen on a clear day at a point only five minutes drive from Jasper, just south of the turnoff to Whistlers ski development and the Sky Tram. It's the bulky box-like mountain on the horizon, straight up the gap. To the best of our knowledge, this is the only place along the highway from which Alberta can be seen.

Before moving away from the Icefield, note the caps of snow and ice which glisten on mountains like Snow Dome and Kitchener, or on Stutfield as seen from the Stutfield viewpoint. It's another illusion. The "icing" is about 300 feet thick.

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VIEW FROM SKY TRAM AMONG WORLD'S MOST SPECTACULAR

Best way to get impression of the immensity of the Jasper country is to go upstairs and look down.

The Jasper Sky Tram makes this possible in five minutes from the time you step into the cablecar at the lower terminal. The 30-passenger cars move so smoothly and silently it is difficult to realize you are being whisked to a mountain summit at a speed of almost 20 miles an hour.

Cable cars are new to the North American scene although many have been in use and tested for years in European mountain areas. The Jasper Sky Tram on Whistlers Mountain (8,085 feet) was Canada's first, and the second on the continent. Only an installation at Palm Springs, California, preceded the tramway of Jasper.

Inspiring Viewpoint

Now, the obvious question: Once upstairs, what do we do?

And the obvious reply: You're on one of the finest viewpoints anywhere in the world. Mainly, then, you gaze in wonderment.

The top terminal is not unlike the bow of a ship, only it doesn't rock. From its upper and lower decks the panorama covers about three-quarters of an entire circle. Mountains 70 miles away can be seen with the naked eye, and are brought almost within range of your bifocals through the high-powered telescopes at the terminal.

It's an inspiring experience, this being so high and commanding an unobstructed view of so much mountain grandeur. To the south loom mighty peaks of the Columbia Icefield. In anti-clockwise direction are Kerkeslin and Hardisty, the mountains of the Maligne Lake area, Watchtower, Tekarra, Old Man Mountain, the Colin Range, Pyramid, Monarch, and the Seven Sisters of the Yellowhead. Giant over all in the Canadian Rockies, Mount Robson pushes its majestic ice-bound tower to almost 13,000 feet, high above other mountains on the horizon to the west.

That's the skyline picture. Below is more to delight the eye. The Jasper valley has 50 lakes. Many of them, flashing deep blues and brilliant greens, may be spotted and easily identified. You'll recognize Lac Beauvert and Jasper Park Lodge, the fresh green of the golf course, Jasper town itself, and the meanderings of the Athabasca River as it threads through the wide valley on its long journey to the Mackenzie watershed and the Arctic Ocean. The highways and trails, bungalows and campsites are far below. Trains look like toys.

Endless Variety at Top

The variety of scenery from this incomparable viewpoint is both endless and astonishing. But the Jasper Sky Tram has a unique feature.

In selecting the site for the tramway, government engineers and the operators considered another aspect. Why not locate this up-mountain transportation where it can be utilized as a sort of gateway to an alpland terrain; where people, if they wish, may visit for a full day, where they may study the alpine flora and fauna, stroll beside flower-bordered streams and tarns of the high country, walk on snow during the warmth of a summer afternoon, or photograph in every direction from a summit ridge?

This plan became reality. Paths were built, some leading along the wide slopes of the Whistlers overlooking the valley, others switchbacking toward higher points above the terminal. The more ambitious can climb high, then walk over the top toward Indian Ridge and Whistlers Creek.

TOURIST NEWS unhesitatingly recommends this trip to Whistlers. Like the snowmobile tour at Columbia Icefield, this is a unique experience, one which could become the highlight of your visit to the Canadian Rockies.



BITS AND PIECES

Whistlers gets its name from the whistling marmots, the dark-brown furry creatures who live in the great rock gardens at timberline and above. You'll hear a marmot before you see him—a sharp, high-pitched whistle usually warns of your approach. You'll definitely see the golden-mantled squirrel (peanuts, please!) and probably the fascinating little picas or rock rabbits.

Keep your eyes open for ptarmigan but try not to disturb them. The ptarmigan (drop the "p" in pronunciation) is the alpine and arctic bird with built-in, all-seasons protective coloration. In winter he is 99% white. At the transition seasons, autumn and spring, he is mottled, and blends perfectly with snowpatches and the grey-brown rocks. During mid-summer, when he is almost the exact color of ground surface, you can be within three feet of a ptarmigan and unaware of his presence. It's a bit startling when he takes off from your very toes.

If you have a camera (and who hasn't?) you'll want to photograph the flowers. Common in this area is moss campion which looks for all the world like a pink pin-cushion. The yellow clumps (prolific just over the summit of Whistlers) are alpine cinquefoil; the most frequent white flower is dryas.

Flower charts are posted at Whistlers upper terminal, the government information office in town, and at Mount Edith Cavell.

One important request: PLEASE do not pick the flowers. They exist under arctic conditions most of the year; their lives are precarious at best. Save them for others to enjoy.

Choose your day and get up early if you plan to hike far beyond the terminal at Whistlers. If a short hike is the program you'll likely return to the terminal for a meal, or you'll pack a few chocolate bars; for a full day take along a good lunch. Tote an extra sweater or windbreaker to ward off the fresh winds which often cool the high ridges.

Some ambitious people will be interested to know that a good trail leads down from the upper terminal to a point near the ski chalet. Allow a couple of hours for this descent.

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"ANIMALS ARE THE FUNNIEST PEOPLE"

It was Bert Lahr, wasn't it, who used to say that animals are the funniest people?

Some of them are, too. Jasper's golf fandom remembers a semi-final in a recent Totem tournament. Playing off the fifth tee each of the two contestants had straight clean drives. Hardly had the balls rolled to a stop before two bears tore from adjoining woods and made off with them. Consequently, a clause covering such contingencies was written in the course regulations.

The bears on the golf course that year really were the funniest people. One old mother trained her cubs to turn on water sprinklers every hot afternoon so they could enjoy a shower. Things got a little out of control, though, when they formed the habit of starting at the ninth fairway each morning and turning on every tap and sprinkler from there to the fourteenth. To combat this bit of morning playfulness and to avoid unwanted water hazards, Jasper Lodge greens-keepers had to appoint a boy to follow in the tracks of the exuberant bear family and shut off the sprinklers.

Moose Makes News

Then there was the moose which made every newspaper in the country as a result of her dislike for members of a snow-clearing crew. This crew was assigned to plough the highway near Columbia Icefield. Progress was excellent until the pugnacious old lady appeared from behind the nearest snowdrift. She "treed" the men to the highest point of the biggest bulldozers . . . and there they'd stay until she called off the hunt for the day.

More recently a meandering bull moose broke through the ice of Lac Beauvert. Wardens finally hauled the heavy animal to shore by means of winch trucks. The old fellow shook off the ice and water and wandered off. Another misdirected protégé of Nature befuddled a local bungalow camp for a couple of hours. A mallard duck flew down a fireplace chimney and ended up behind the damper. Finally, two boys lassooed it with a rope and long pole. The mallard also took off, with hardly a feather out of place. Jasper's birds and animals are hardy people.

Crafty Coyotes

One of the craftiest animals to wander these valleys is the common coyote. A warden tells of watching two acquire midday lunch. A flock of geese was resting in mudflats when the coyote pair stealthily arrived. One of the animals concealed himself behind a clump of bushes while the second began a series of acrobatics in plain sight of the birds. The geese are noted for their inquisitive nature so it wasn't long before one ambled over to satisfy this curiosity. Instead, he satisfied the appetites of two hungry coyotes.

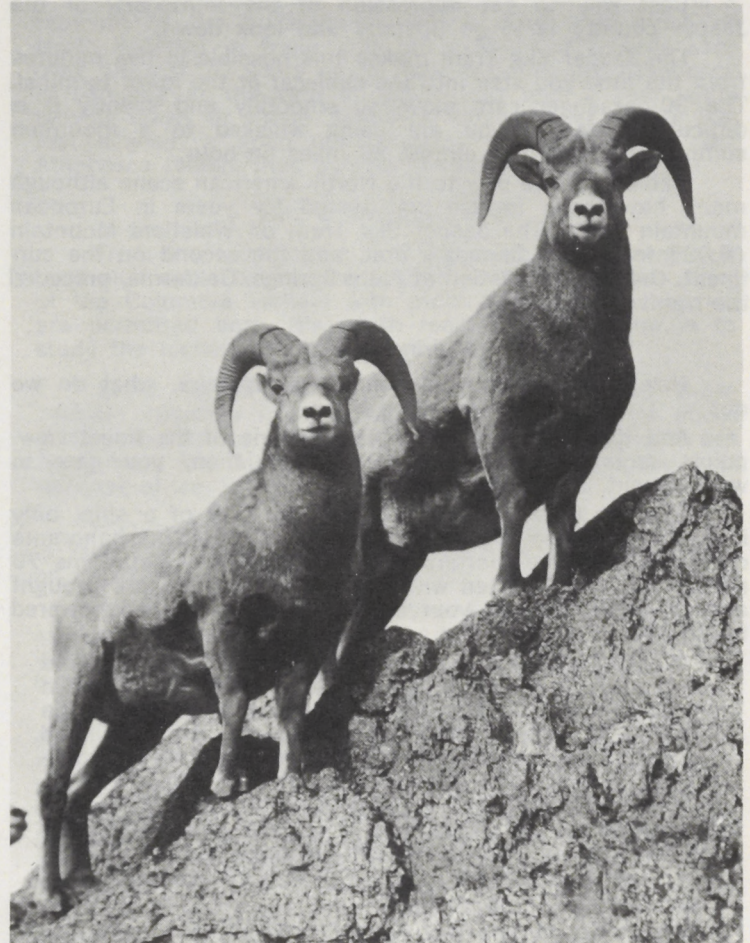
Another note about geese. Hundreds of Canada geese make Jasper a Fall stopover point during southbound migration. They settle on the golf course for almost a month each year and become tame enough to be photographed at reasonably close range.

Noisy Whistlers

Whistlers Mountain and Marmot Basin ski area both derive names from the presence of the hoary marmot. But easiest place to see these friendly but shy denizens of rock-piles is behind the moraines at Mount Edith Cavell. As you walk toward the Angel Glacier viewpoints you are almost certain to hear sharp whistles (hence "Whistlers") from above. Guards are warning that a stranger has crossed into their boulder-strewn domain. Intrigued, you'll likely want to see some at closer range. Continue to walk toward the alplands (the trail is marked and easy in gradient) until you are behind the moraine. Marmots you'll recognize as dark-brown or greyish, furry, grow to as long as two feet. Their protective coloration is remarkable so don't be alarmed if the stone you are studying suddenly takes off.

We've read a little story concerning habits of marmots and it's worth passing along even if we doubt both the authenticity and efficacy. Marmots, it's said, carry dry grass to their abodes by laying one of their party on his back, piling grass on his expansive stomach, then grabbing his tail and pulling him along as a sled.

We do know that marmots hibernate. They tightly plug the doors of their homes, roll into an entwining mass, adjust their breathing to an almost imperceptible tempo, and pass the winter in effortless repose.



"Watch For Animals"

Signs which read "Watch for Animals" were placed along Park highways a few years ago. These were designed to warn the motorist to avoid synchronizing his travel line with that of a bull elk. Such timing can result in a nasty jolt. The signs however, were misinterpreted and unwittingly encouraged everyone, including the driver, to gaze obediently all over the countryside "watching for animals".

Later signs read "Watch for Animals Crossing the Road" and at least limited the angle of vision to the span of highway ahead. The present signs make their point clear and warn you to be careful at all times. Dusk is one of the best times to see animals; these are also the hours to drive most carefully. Ordinarily, you and the animals should get along fine without arguing about right-of-way.

One more safety note about animals, an important one. DON'T FEED THE BEARS. Bears are interesting personalities but it's well to remember that they are still WILD animals. Most of them are affable, or appear so, and some are downright clowns. But there's always the one who scrapped with his wife over the early-morning garbage.

Seriously, don't encourage them or molest them in any way. Keep your windows and doors closed if a begging bear should approach you on the highway. Nor should you feed deer.

Binoculars are a good investment if you wish to study habits of animals and birds. In the national parks of the Rockies many animals are tame enough to be photographed and admired at close range but there's no assurance of co-operation at a given time. Mountain sheep and mountain goat are two of the most interesting. Their agility as they cross a rockface, hoofs locating tiny footholds and moving almost in ballet rhythm, will amaze you. Sheep, by the way, are said to have eyesight equal to six-power binoculars.

IN REVERSE

Children visiting Jasper often devote hours to watching the wild animals in their natural habitat. Jasper children pay them little attention. But when Jasper youngsters leave the mountains, and sight a herd of cattle or flock of domestic sheep—well, that's another story!

Bing Crosby's Victory In Totem Golf Rivalled Best Hollywood Scripts

Bing Crosby provided a genuine Hollywood finish to the annual Totem Pole golf tournament a few years back. Bing's golf, as if you didn't know, has been high quality, easily good enough for him to make his nickles and dimes via the circuits if he felt that way about it. He and Gordon Verley of Victoria, B.C., reached the final and came into the 36th all square. Verley was only about a foot from the pin on his third while Bing's second lay beyond the green, at least 30 feet astray of the mark.

Bing Sinks It

From this position Bing couldn't even see the pin. He was under the shade of a massive Douglas fir. To make matters more despairing a youngster maintained constant squirming just behind him. The Hollywood ace took his stance, then broke it with a good-humoured offer to change places with the lad. This little act cut the tension for the big gallery and Bing followed up by almost nonchalantly chipping the ball into the cup. Bing's first words to Verley: "Sorry I had to be lucky." A right guy!

This golf course at the Lodge, incidentally, is among the world's best. It's a challenge to the skilled golfer but a happy experience for the average Joe or duffer. To backdrop the lovely greens and well-trimmed fairways is the Rockies' finest scenery.

Golfers are advised to telephone the course starter (852-3301) for reservations.

Jasper Campgrounds Best In Country

So you are camping!

We think you've come to the right part of the country. Jasper's campgrounds run the gamut from smaller, unserviced or semi-serviced and usually more-remote types, to serviced units with showers, electricity, flush toilets and cooking shelters. For the latter group there's sometimes a moderate charge; the former are free.

NO PERMITS FOR CAMPGROUNDS

You are not asked to take out a permit for these campgrounds although in some cases you must register and card-index your location. You do require a permit if you plan to hike or camp in even the nearby off-highway areas apart from the regular campsites. This regulation has twofold reasoning behind it: 1. For your own protection, should you fail to report "in" the day you had scheduled for your return; and 2. For control in fire hazard seasons, etc., and also so authorities may have accurate knowledge of who is where, when. Please cooperate.

A useful reference is the Accommodation Guide published by the Canadian Government Travel Bureau. It lists accommodation in the national parks of Canada, including hotels, lodges, chalets, campgrounds, trailer parks and so on. Ask for it at the information offices.

"The traveller must have plenty of time, time to stop, to look and to investigate, time to turn aside and follow his nose or his intuition, and, above all, the time to linger where delight is."
—M. A. Michael.

"Oh, but to travel with your family! It's just like waltzing with one's aunt for the pleasure of the thing."
—Marie Bashkirtseff.

SURVIVAL WISDOM

A compass is as good as its owner. Knowing only that the needle points North will not solve many of your wilderness problems. If you own a compass learn how to use it. In some corner of your pack carry some concentrated food and matches (in waterproof container) for emergency use only. First aid? Maps?

RIVERS ARE SWIFT BUT LAKES ROMANTIC



KEEPING COOL ON THE ATHABASCA

Folboters, that breed of river travelers which prefers to race through and under water rather than along the surface, run the Athabasca River from Athabasca Falls to Jasper frequently and speedily. This is water fast and white, not recommended for canoes. Folbot riders unfamiliar to the stretch should size it up with sober restraint before embarking just below the falls. Best landing, at trip's end, is below Old Fort Point bridge at right bank.

Stretches of river below Old Fort are fairly fast in spots but tame by comparison. As introduction to the Athabasca, prior to chancing the rollicking mileage from the Falls, some folboters launch at Old Fort and run downstream to the 12-mile bridge along the Edmonton highway. Experienced canoeists also enjoy this section of the river.

For romantic canoeing (that is, without rapids and cascades) the lakes are preferable and plentiful. You can rent canoes and boats on many of the valley lakes, either from the fishing guides in town or the "Y" camp at Lake Edith.

Parts of the Miette River are pleasant canoeing and folboting but there are a few unmarked points where portages are imperative. If the water is low, keep a lookout for partially submerged logs.

We have yet to find any folboter or canoeist who has taken more than a hasty and appalled look at the Maligne River between Maligne Lake and Medicine.

Cool Depths Of Jasper's Lakes Beckon Divers

In stroke with the times, scuba divers are invading lakes and rivers of Jasper.

Reports have it that Horseshoe Lake, not far from Athabasca Falls on the new highway to Jasper, has interesting potential. Horseshoe is fairly deep with fascinating rock formations and labyrinths below the cliffs. Lake Edith's waters, among clearest in the area, attract many divers including those who compete in the Jasper Aquathon on May 24 weekend each year. Patricia Lake is venue for divers who seek depths to 125 feet.

Divers with mercenary leanings have been known to try to make the sport pay off by diving for golf balls where the course parallels or crosses Lac Beauvert. The considerate ones don't frolic in the lake when golfers are attempting to bypass or drive over the deep, green natural hazard.

In addition to the scuba experts many snorklers are attracted to the lakes. Some of the waters are crystal clear to depths of 50 feet. Like most mountain lakes they have another quality. They're refreshing, an agreeable way of saying they're cold!

"The true wanderer whose travels are happiness, goes out not to shun but to seek."
—Freya Stark.

INDIAN'S PHILOSOPHY MAKES GOOD SENSE

It's an old story but probably true.

The Indian was watching two white men build a campfire. Stick after stick was tossed on the flames until it was impossible to get near enough to cook. The Indian mused, "Indian light little campfire, stand up close. White man build big campfire, stand way back."

There's a moral worth remembering here, as you go about preparing your campfire. The little fire, properly set and controlled, is not only safer but it's more efficient. A big fire, caught in a sudden gust of wind, can develop into a wild inferno. No camper worth the name would like to be saddled with the knowledge that his carelessness had been responsible for a great forest fire.

Be certain your campfire is out. The Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs of Jasper and Junior Foresters at Hinton, near Jasper, have a good test: If you can thrust your bare hand right into the middle of the coals and still feel some warmth, then pour on more water and stir.

If you are heading into the back country, even a mile or so off the highway, don't forget your camping permit. Along the highways themselves you must use the campfire sites provided.

"When you travel, go with your whole heart."
—Confucius.

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THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' PAGE...

To Our Camera-Toting Visitors . . .

Photographers visiting the Canadian Rockies for the first time are often appalled and confused. The "researchers" for Shutterbug Guide are familiar with these perplexities as they, too, ran the course of awe and bewilderment. "Take away the mountains," observed one visitor, "and what have you got?" It's a good question but fortunately the mountains ARE here. So, faced with all this scenic grandeur, where does the camera-toter start?

We hope these notes will help to ease the dilemma. They are the collective efforts of photographers who know and love the mountains. The recommendations are the result of time-honored trial, error and frustration. While accurate within reason, there must be some generalization because of the seasonal variance of the sun's arc. Nor can we attempt to cover every square mile of Jasper Park. If you are a hiker, climber, trail rider or skier you may combine photography of the fascinating back-country with your picturing of the points more readily accessible.

The Exposure Problem

To set a hard and fast rule for exposure in the mountains is difficult. But it is generally conceded that the recommended exposures (as enclosed with the film) can be decreased by about a half-stop for color, a full stop for black and white. The same ratio may apply to meters, excluding special circumstances. If, for instance, you find yourself shooting an average mountain scene for a projection-quality slide, and your meter calls for an exposure of f/11, we feel you'll be happier with a transparency taken between 11 and 16. You can disregard your meter on great icefields in summer or open snow slopes in winter. Better, we find, to shoot about a 1/2 stop to a full stop smaller than the manufacturer's recommended "light subject" readings.

SHUTTERBUG GUIDE:

"The Time and Place" for the best photographs of Jasper

JASPER PANORAMA: The Athabasca Valley is one of the widest in the Canadian Rockies. Viewpoints command the lakes, rivers, the village itself and the great mountains of the horizon. Try these: From Pyramid Mountain road—Jasper with Cavell backdrop, early morning or late afternoon; from Whistlers ski chalet and Jasper Tram—a pan of the entire valley, anytime; from the Maligne Canyon road—morning to mid-afternoon toward the lakes and Pyramid; from Old Fort Point—enjoyable hike of only a few minutes, fine view of valley in all directions.

JASPER TOTEM: All day, except late afternoon. Return at passenger train times for photos of Royal Canadian Mounted Police on duty at CN station.

PYRAMID MT.: From Patricia, Pyramid, Beauvert and Edith lakes, early morning to mid-afternoon.

LAC BEAUVERT: Cavell from Beauvert is breath-taking early morning or evening. In a.m. start at Jasper Park Lodge and work clockwise along shores for Whistlers, Pyramid, Old Man, Colin Range, Tekarra.

JASPER PARK LODGE: "Gate" photo with Cavell, early a.m. or late p.m. The Lodge itself faces almost due south, good anytime. Don't overlook the gardens as foreground.

GOLF COURSE: Mostly a.m. to mid-afternoon. You will like 16th green, 14th tee (both of which border Beauvert and are near the road), the 11th tee, 9th green. Some good shooting late afternoon toward Old Man.

LAKE EDITH: Exquisite lake coloring. Morning to mid-p.m. for Pyramid; Old Man is best in cross lighting of early a.m. and late p.m. Fine tele possibilities morning or evening for Cavell across lake.

MALIGNE CANYON: If bright day, afternoon; if cloudy bright shoot anytime.

BEARS: Unpredictable; try incinerators. Don't strive for closeups and don't feed them.

NORTH AND EAST FROM JASPER: This is the highway to Edmonton. Animal country with plenty of water for good shooting of reflections. Get out early in morning or late in afternoon for deer, sheep, moose and elk. A good "album day" could be to leave Jasper in the morning, photograph the lakes, Roche Miette and Punchbowl on your way to Miette Hot Springs. Get your swim and pix at the Springs, then work back to Jasper during late afternoon and evening. The Hot Springs is also a good spot for pictures of squirrels and chipmunks. They prefer peanuts.

WEST FROM JASPER: Majestic Mount Robson, only 60 miles from Jasper, is highest peak in Canadian Rockies. Road leads over lovely scenery of Continental Divide and Yellowhead Pass, past Seven Sisters (a.m.) and Mount Fitzwilliam (p.m.) on Yellowhead Lake. Moose Lake and rushing waters of the Fraser River. **ROBSON** viewpoints: From flats as road levels off in valley, from Mount Robson Ranch, from vicinity of bridge just west of provincial campground. A worthwhile hike (not too many photo viewpoints, however) is the trail to Kinney Lake. The trail to Berg Lake has magnificent waterfalls and leads to spectacular north face of Robson.

MOUNT EDITH CAVELL: A photogenic mountain, Cavell dominates the valley at Jasper. The early bird catches this peak at best. Be at Mile 16 viewpoint as early as you can in the morning, park, then walk a few yards toward Cavell, finally taking the down trail to the right. This takes you to Cavell Lake and one of best locations for "closeups" of the mountain. For Astoria Valley, Throne, and distant peaks of the Tonquin and Eremite, shoot from the highway viewpoint where you can also get several good angles of Cavell itself. For **ANGEL GLACIER** drive to the chalet, then work up easy moraine path over footbridge. Good chances for marmots, squirrels, chipmunks and jays. All morning shooting. Exception: Evening alpenglow on Cavell's summit, best across lakes in Jasper Valley.

TONQUIN VALLEY: Spectacular mountain ranges and alpine flowers. Ramparts best in morning. Eremite from Surprise Point in afternoon. Be ready for sunsets on Ramparts and peaks like Old Horn. Amethyst Lake terrific for fishing action.

MALIGNE LAKE: Should be on every photog's list. If on trip uplake ask boatman to leave you at Narrows while he goes on to lake's end, that is if photography is your main aim. This permits an hour or so to study angles at the "island". Overnight stay is excellent idea to catch lovely evening coloring, morning calm. Try for angles below bridge at river mouth in the morning. It is "anytime" shooting for high country of the Bald Hills, the Opals, Maligne River and Medicine Lake.

FLOWERS: Much depends on the year. The Government Information Office has an up-to-date chart for current season. Valley flowers in open meadows, along streams. Alpine flowers in Cavell alplands, Parker Ridge, Opal Hills at Maligne, the Tonquin, Jasper Sky Tram upper terminal and beyond, and almost everywhere in the meadows at and above timberline.

SOUTH FROM JASPER

LEACH LAKE: Early morning reflections of Cavell and Whirlpool peaks.

MTS. HARDISTY AND KERKESLIN: Afternoon, along highway and river.

ATHABASCA FALLS, SUNWAPTA FALLS: Basically, high sun is best but brilliant rainbows and backlighting spray possible when sun is lower.

ATHABASCA LOOKOUT, OR GOAT LOOKOUT: Sweeping view of Athabasca Valley peaks, good mornings but best late afternoons. Look for mountain goats on clay banks and below ends of railings.

STUTFIELD GLACIER VIEWPOINT: Beautiful, but a "toughie" photographically. Morning to noon.

SUMMIT VIEWPOINT AND SUNWAPTA CANYON: Afternoon shooting toward Mts. Athabasca and Andromeda but also okay in morning during season when sun is fairly high.

COLUMBIA ICEFIELD: High mountain country, exciting in every way. Snow Dome best in morning; Mount Athabasca almost anytime. Snowmobile trip permits shots of fantastic glacier formations. Fine pans from Wilcox Ridge behind Chalet and campgrounds; look for foreground material of gnarled roots and wind-twisted trees. If staying overnight (and you should to get the "feel" of this alpine area) get up early and try shooting right at glacier tongue from point across glacial lake. At evening watch for brilliant reds on mountains like Athabasca and Nigel.

FOR BETTER PHOTOS:

- * In color always use fresh film dated within the period of your shooting. Then have it processed promptly. Black and white has much more latitude.
- * Protect film (and cameras, too) from extreme heat or cold. The glove compartment and rear shelf of your car are danger spots.
- * Some color film manufacturers recommend shooting only within two hours after sunrise and two hours before sunset. We disagree. For mountain photography many of the most dramatic and interesting effects are possible only in early and late hours. If shooting sunrise or sunset expose for the HIGHLIGHTS rather than shadow detail.
- * In picturing closeups of people or animals the rule calling for cloudy bright or hazy light rather than bright sunshine usually holds in the mountains as well as anywhere else.
- * In black and white photography the use of a yellow filter or yellow-green will help bring out the clouds and distinguish snowpeaks from blue sky. For color, Skylight (Kodak) or UVIS (Ansco) are most-important accessories. They require no exposure adjustment, cut down excessive blues, protect valuable lenses.
- * If your camera is equipped with a depth-of-focus scale be certain you understand it. Interesting foreground (in focus) can add to a mountain picture.
- * Keep your camera ready for the unexpected. But protect with a dust cover of some sort. An inexpensive photo brush is a good investment; so is lens tissue. Don't use facial tissue or handkerchiefs to clean lenses.

Film Speed Conversion Table

ASA	12	25	50	100	200	400	800
DIN	12	15	18	21	24	27	30

AND IN WINTER

Because the sun's arc is considerably shortened in winter, some of these recommendations cannot apply. In winter, for example, the sun never slants across the face of Mount Edith Cavell. At the same time, reflected light from snowfields often illuminates the dark shadow areas, the sky is a deep blue, and the mountains' contours sharply outlined. This is the time of year, too, when many of the high country animals move down to the valleys and are easily photographed along the highways. It's easy to reach the high country; simply take the bus to MARMOT BASIN ski development where you'll find countless photographic possibilities. Bring your camera to the Rockies ALL seasons of the year.

HOLLYWOOD LIKES JASPER

When you photograph Jasper you are travelling in good company.

Virtually all major film companies have made pictures here during the past decade or so. Paramount was among the first when they trooped in with Bing Crosby and Joan Fontaine for "Emperor Waltz". For this, many of the local Jasperites picked up loose change when cast as peasant extras.

M-G-M made "Rose Marie" and this time the locals were upped to the ranks of hard-riding members of the old North West Mounted Police. Then Universal came along with Jimmy Stewart and Ruth Roman, and set up frontier towns for shooting of "Far Country". For this, we of Jasper grew beards and became grizzled old prospectors.

To make "River of No Return" 20th Century-Fox dropped in with Robert Mitchum, Rory Calhoun and Marilyn Monroe. Century-Fox had the pick of extras. Almost every male in town became a skilled riverman overnight when the producers sent out a call for volunteers willing to run dangerous rapids with Marilyn.

If photography is your hobby you'll save time and film by consulting Shutterbug Guide on this page. The Guide designates time and place for most satisfactory shooting in Jasper National Park. A "sister" Guide, available in Banff, covers viewpoints in that area.

TWO WAYS TO BUY KODACHROME

Kodachrome film, for both 35mm. and motion picture cameras, may be purchased in Canada WITH PROCESSING included in the purchase price. The exposed film, contained in the mailer supplied, is simply mailed to an Eastman or Kodak plant anywhere in the world (usually one close to your home) and after processing is returned to your address at no further cost. If you wish, however, you may purchase Kodachrome film WITHOUT processing, as in U.S.A. The "without processing" also applies to other Kodak films (like Ektachrome-X) and to films of other manufacture such as AnscoColor and Agfachrome.

"There's no place like

JASPER for pictures—

Take YOURS on KODAK film."



MULE DEER IN WINTER
(Keep Your Camera Handy)

A BIT OF RAMBLING...

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER'S COMPLAINT

Nothing to breathe but air,
Quick as a flash 'tis gone;
Nowhere to fall but off,
Nowhere to stand but on.
—Ben King

FOR REMEMBRANCE

Mountains have no frontiers . . . only the view toward Heaven.

—From the epitaph of Edmund Besler, German guide.

"To enjoy a countryside it is essential to make a direct contact with it, and this is only to be accomplished by walking over it."
—Frank Smythe

THE POWER OF MOUNTAINS

. . . The greater mountains, wherein sublimity so much excels our daily things, that in their presence experience dissolves, and we seem to enter upon a kind of eternity.
—Hilaire Belloc

"When I walk by myself alone,
It doth me good my songs to render."
—William Wager, 1550

"Lady Beaumont told me that when she was a child, previously to saying her prayers, she endeavoured to think of a mountain or a great river, or something great, in order to raise up her soul and kindle it."
—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

RODEO SLATED FOR EARLY IN AUGUST

How's for some bronco-bustin'?

It's a standing invitation to all visitors attending the annual rodeo of the Jasper Rodeo and Turf Club. You're more than welcome, pardner, to try your hand at ridin' the broncos, milkin' the wild cows, or ropin' some calves.

The big weekend of parade, rodeo and dancing is staged each year during the long weekend at first of August. Competing or just looking, you'll be in for plenty of high-flying action.

ALBERTA FORESTRY ROAD LEADS THROUGH FOOTHILLS WILDERNESS

Visitors who are prepared to tackle roads somewhat more rugged than park pavement will be intrigued by the Alberta government's forestry trunk road which extends a distance of 613 miles from Coleman in the southwest corner of the province to Goodwin, about 20 miles east of Grande Prairie.

Of particular interest to Jasper is the newest section, a 286-mile stretch from Nordegg to Goodwin which connects with Highway 16 at two points near Hinton. This part of the drive is liberally serviced with picnic shelter and campground facilities, all furnished by the Alberta government's forest patrol.

From Nordegg, a good highway leads out of the foothills to Rocky Mountain House and Red Deer (on the Edmonton-Calgary highway) or the motorist may choose to continue south to join the highway between Banff and Calgary. The remainder of the forestry road passes through the high mountains of the Kananaskis and on to Coleman in Crows Nest Pass.

Fill Up With Gas

Users of this scenic route are advised to embark with full gas tanks because service stations are infrequent. They are also cautioned to heed warning signs and road closures wherever they appear. The original purpose of the route was to provide a basic access artery for forest protection equipment, fire fighters and machinery. However, public use is being encouraged for the road traverses much territory reached in the past only by packhorse or aircraft.

Some of this scenery is unexcelled. Southern portions travel between high mountain ranges with few steep gradients. Northern sections are somewhat rougher but new and old cars are equally at home on its winding, sometimes dusty, gravelled surface. The route from Entrance to Goodwin penetrates productive forestlands and the summit views of endless reaches of dark-green spruce are astonishing.

The forestry trunk road is not a raceway for the heavy-footed blacktop driver. It is a road for the more "temperate" tourists who like to wander easily from hill to stream bank, to camp and relax, and to savour fully Alberta's mountain and foothills country. Its delights are borne at the side of the road with glimpses of trout pools, elk, deer and moose, spruce-shaded places for rest, and the satisfying experience of overnight camp in the wilderness.



ANGEL GLACIER, MOUNT EDITH CAVELL
(Figures lend a yardstick to mountain photos)

SPECIAL WEATHER MOODS FOR ARTISTS

A local art dealer recently received a letter asking "What has Jasper for the artist?"

His answer: "Mountains, rivers, lakes, cascades, etc. and enough kaleidoscopic lighting, weather moods, and cloud formations to drive a conscientious artist up the nearest rockface."

Artists tell us not to recommend one area over another. Some like the crags and serrations of nearby Colin Range. Others prefer Cavell. Or Pyramid. Or more distant points-of-view in Tonquin, Maligne or Mount Robson. Recommendations for best times of day for photography (see Shutterbug Guide) may be of some assistance to artists planning itineraries.

Jasper has art classes which combine field trips and the tutelage of recognized artists. These are scheduled throughout the summer season and it is usually possible for students to join on short notice.

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JASPER PARK MOVES INTO SKIING'S BIG LEAGUES

A Swiss mountaineer-photographer, ski-touring Jasper's high country 25 years ago, climbed to a corniced promontory a few hundred feet above Whistlers Creek.

Below, a veritable fairyland of powder snow blanketed gentle undulations of the alplands. His keen eyes ranged over a huge basin of enticing ski terrain. Beyond was boundless variety, steep slopes and moderate.

Joe Weiss made a prediction.

"Some day Jasper will have a ski resort in this basin," he told companions.

Since the mid-1940's various groups interested in ski development have attempted to get Marmot Basin underway as a resort.

At first, local skiers ascended into the Basin on climbing skins, either stayed for a day or dug into the snow for overnight shelter.

Later, snowmobiles churned to the 6,500-foot level. Marmot grew in popularity. Despite lack of modern improvements and lifts, almost 2,000 skiers rode the snowmobiles during the winter of 1963-64.

SIX MONTHS SKIING

These skiing pioneers recognized Marmot for what it is: One of the finest ski areas in the Canadian Rockies, a region of plentiful snow from December to May.

In the spring of 1964 the government announced tenders for development of Marmot. The Basin was getting ready for the big leagues.

Transportation had been the main stumbling block. Now the parks branch built a gravel road which permitted controlled bus traffic from a highway parking lot to the chalet site. Towers for a high-capacity T-bar reached out to the 7,500-foot level above timberline. Where the terrain dipped into the forest, trees were thinned and wide runs swathed out.

Marmot Basin is now an established resort, a high-country venue for thousands of skiers each winter and spring. Here is what they find:

- *Perfect snow conditions.

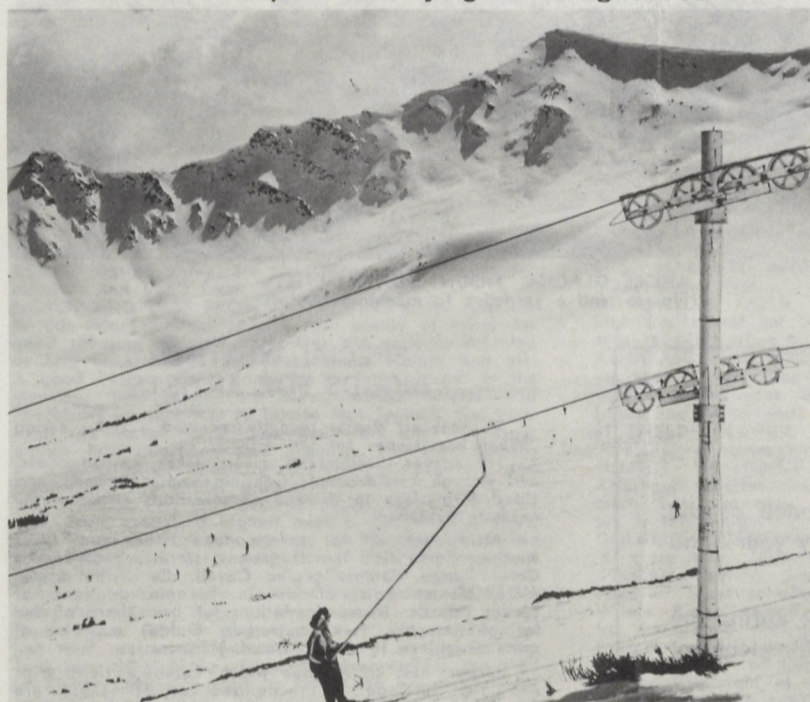
- *Variety of slopes for novices, intermediates and experts, all runs packed and groomed and served by modern T-bar lifts. Virgin areas for exultant deep-snow skiers, a breed of ever-increasing numbers.

- *A five-mile run from the chalet to the parking lot, a real knee-tester at day's end for those who elect to choose skiing instead of a bus-seat for the return trip to the highway.

- *Two additional miles of alpine running for those who climb from the highest lift terminal to the 8,557-foot Marmot Peak.

To develop the Basin to full potential, operators are planning with wise forethought. More chalet accommodation and additional lifts are promised.

Predictions of a quarter-century ago are being fulfilled.



MARMOT BASIN



WHISTLERS CHALET

WHISTLERS SHARES SKI SPOTLIGHT

While snowshoes provided the main mode of winter locomotion during exploratory history of the area now forming Jasper National Park, skis also saw use among the pioneer travellers. After the park was formed some of the wardens chose skis for winter patrols, particularly where considerable above-timberline traverses were involved.

Today The Whistlers ski development and Marmot Basin share the Jasper ski spotlight. Whistlers first became known as an established area about a decade ago, jumped into prominence when it hosted the 1961 Canadian Junior Ski Championships. Over the years, in addition to its popularity among those who ski for pleasure alone, Whistlers has been the scene of many important competitions. Its variety of runs, some easy, some extremely difficult, the 50-meter jump, and its proximity to Jasper town combine for its appeal to all ranks and ages of skiers. Served by a 2,800-foot Pomolift and a rope tow, and with a large modern chalet, it is particularly suited to family skiing.

Promising outlying areas are Tonquin Valley, Maligne Lake, and Snowbowl. Despite the terrific ski terrain in each of these regions, however, Jasper cannot truthfully advertise them as places-to-ski as none has officially-recognized winter development. In the meantime, high country ski touring is increasing in popularity. Check with us sometime in the future!

MOUNTAINSIDE CLASSROOM

Ski instruction is part of the physical education program at Jasper's schools, although passing a slalom test won't get a youngster into the next grade. Skiminded boys and girls get two hours a week on Whistlers during the winter.

CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS, BEAUTIFUL SKIES, HIGHLIGHT JASPER'S SPRING AND FALL



THE MALIGNE RIVER IN JUNE



THE 16th TEE IN SEPTEMBER

WHEN JASPER PEOPLE TRAVEL . . .

Jasper people, especially those in business, have little time for recreation in summer because of the influx (a welcome influx, you understand) of touring visitors. So autumn and winter are marked for departures to other climes.

Some head to Hawaii, the Caribbean, or the South Seas, others to Mexico or Europe. Mostly we repay a good-neighbor compliment and motor across the border to spend some time with Uncle Sam. The western states like California and Arizona are probably most popular but there's always a percentage who yearn for Broadway shows, fishing off Florida Keys or lakes and rivers of the mid-west.

MARMOT BASIN

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Jasper Keeps Busy All Year

Activity at Jasper is not confined to the period of heavy visitor influx in summer and the height of the skiing season in winter.

Here is a roundup of some events:

CURLING BONSPIELS—The roarin' game, like skiing, is increasing in popularity each winter. Throughout the season the Jasper Curling Club hosts many rinks from "outside" at open 'spiels featuring competitions for men and women and mixed events. The big bonspiels, which attract rinks from points all over the West, usually are held in late March. Curlers visiting Jasper during the winter should contact club secretaries if interested in joining local rinks for afternoon or evening games.

WINTER CARNIVAL—Not annual. Fancy skating, hockey, public skating and novelty carnival events, usually over a mid-winter weekend at Jasper's new Arena.

MARMOT DERBY—Marmot Basin's big race of the year, usually near Easter. It's open competition for men and women, senior and junior, with giant slalom one day and a three-mile downhill the next.

WHISTLERS MT. SKI EVENTS—Alberta junior championships in February; Alberta midjet championships in March. Norman Willmore Memorial (Junior) in February.

MOUNT ROBSON PICNIC—Motorcades from centres along Yellowhead Highway and Rupert line meet some years at Mount Robson for day of sports and good fellowship. Usually in early May.

ELKS' SPORTS DAY—May 24 weekend each year. Gala day with big parade, Jasper Park Band, elaborate floats, children's sports, baseball tournament, queen competition.

HIGHLAND COMPETITIONS—In May. Dancing and piping events attract competitors from all western provinces.

SUNWAPTA GIANT SLALOM—Open ski event, Parker Ridge at Columbia Icefield at Jasper-Banff boundary. May 24 weekend.

JASPER AQUATHON—Two days of competitive scuba diving at Lake Edith, May 24 weekend. Also deep diving at Patricia Lake.

RODEO—Two-day event, long weekend at beginning of August each year. Full slate of rodeo events at Jasper Rodeo and Turf Club grounds, with big western parade and open air dancing.

TOTEM POLE GOLF—Annual event in September at Jasper Park Lodge, a full week of exciting tournament play on one of North America's famous courses.

TIMELY HINT

Don't overlook May, June, September and October when planning future holidays and weekends at Jasper.

Conditions can vary with the year, of course, but usually these months are fine and bright. In May and June winter snow still graces most peaks, contrasting them sharply against the deep blue of early-summer skies. During the fall, the first snows of winter dust the summits and reach down to the russets and reds of the alplands. Down in the valley the streams are crystal clear, their greens vivid against yellows and reds of the changing foliage.

There's another angle. Highway traffic is always considerably lighter and favorite accommodations more easily obtained than at the height of the summer season.

There's 12 Months' Skiing—If You Want It

Some people won't give up.

Glaciers and high icefields of Jasper are snow-covered 12 months of the year. So what do we find?

Skiers, of course.

Columbia Icefield is most accessible summer ski area. As conditions vary from year to year, anyone contemplating a summer trip should check with the registration office near the Jasper-Banff Highway at Athabasca Glacier.

Early in the season good conditions are often found fairly low on the glaciers; later on, you'll have to climb higher. Experienced climbers and alpine skiers sometimes camp on the main plateau of the icefield (at 9000 feet or more) and make ascents of surrounding snowpeaks.

Watch that burn! In the high snowfields the ultra-violet rays can cause serious sunburn even on a dull day.

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HANDY REFERENCE

Emergency Telephones

Hospital and Doctors: Jasper Medical Group **42B** Tel. 2-3434; Seton Hospital **51B** Tel. 2-3344 and 2-3142. After-hours emergency for hospital or doctors, Tel. 2-3311.
Police: 852-3077 **52B**; Ambulance: 852-3100 **46B**; Fire Alarm: 852-3100 **46B**

Parks Administration **22B**

Main office telephones: 2-3068, 2-3064; Superintendent (Residence)—2-3136;
Chief Warden (Residence)—2-3092.

Parks Information Offices

Town Office, **21B** is open mid-May to mid-October. Hours from early June to mid-September—8 a.m. to 9 p.m. For remainder of season—8 a.m. to noon; 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Columbia Icefield Office, **90C**, is open mid-May to end of September. Hours until mid-June—10 a.m. to 6 p.m. From mid-June to end of season—9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Service Clubs

Kiwanis meets Thursdays, Whistlers Hotel **19B**, 12 noon during July and August; 6:30 p.m. remainder of year.
Kinsmen meet first and third Tuesdays, except in summer, Orie's **9B**, 7 p.m.

Church Services

Anglican (Episcopal) and United **50B** —July 3 to Sept. 4 incl.: Anglican Communion at 7:30 a.m.; United Church worship at 8:30 a.m.; Anglican Communion or Matins at 9:45 a.m.; United Church worship at 11:15 a.m.; Joint evening service at 8:00 p.m. Remainder of year: Anglican Communion at 8:00 a.m.; Anglican Matins or Communion at 9:45 a.m.; United Church worship at 11:15 a.m.; Joint service at 7:30 p.m.
Note: Coffee will be served on lawn between all morning services during the summer season. (Weather permitting.)

Baptist **49B** —Church school at 9:45 a.m.; Morning worship at 11:00 a.m.; Evening worship at 7:30 p.m. Also a mid-week fellowship service Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

Lutheran **10B** —(Masonic Hall, Connaught Dr.); Summer, June 19 to Sept. 4 incl.: Morning Services at 11 a.m. Remainder of year evening service at 7:00 p.m.

Roman Catholic **55B** —Sunday Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Additional Mass during summer at 4:00 p.m.

Time Zones

Jasper is on Mountain Standard Time all year, as is entire province of Alberta. British Columbia's time (Pacific Daylight in summer; Pacific Standard remainder of year) is same as Jasper's during summer.

Post Office Hours **45B**

Wicket lobby open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily except Sunday. Lock-box lobby open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday.

Postal Rates

(Canadian stamps are necessary on all mail posted in Canada. Except where specified all rates given below are based on normal letter weight of one ounce.)

Letters within Canada, airmail ----- 5 cents

Postcards, anywhere ----- 4 cents

Jasper Tourist News, anywhere ----- 3 cents

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to U.S., British Commonwealth, Ireland, Bermuda, Mexico, S. America,

France, Spain ----- 5 cents

to all other countries ----- 6 cents

Airmail:

to U.S. and possessions ----- 8 cents

to Europe ----- 15 cents for 1/2 oz.

to Bermuda, Mexico, Central and S. America and West Indies ----- 10 cents for 1/2 oz.

to Africa, Asia and Oceania ----- 25 cents for 1/2 oz.

Aerogrammes may be sent to all countries for 10 cents.

Liquor Store Hours **8B**

June, July, August and to mid-September—10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, except Sunday.
Remainder of year—12 noon to 8 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Mileages from Jasper

Edmonton, 230; Calgary, via Banff, 265; Calgary, via Edmonton, 390; Banff, 180; Lake Louise, 143; Mount Edith Cavell, 18; Athabasca Falls, 19; Sunwapta Falls, 34; Columbia Icefield, 65; Miette Hot Springs, 38; Mount Robson, 56; Pyramid Lake, 5; Maligne Canyon, 9; Medicine Lake, 18; Jasper Park Lodge, 5; *Maligne Lake, 35.
*Not accessible by private car. Bus service last five miles to Maligne.

GENERAL AND RECREATIONAL

Airstrip **81C** —Parallels highway to Edmonton, about nine miles north from Jasper Telephone service.

Alpine Guides—See listings.

Bicycles—See listings.

Curling (Winters only)—Jasper Curling Club **56B**

Drives—Bus and limousine services on regular schedules to points of interest. U-Drives available. See listings and advertisements.

Fishing—License for season is \$2.00; 30 days — \$1.00. (Good for all National Parks in Canada.) Licenses obtainable from fishing tackle stores and boat rentals (see listings). government information office, park gates, wardens, outfitters.

Fish Hatchery **68A**, Summer Season open—8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Remainder of year—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Golf course **74A** —Jasper Park Lodge. Suggest phone for reservations.

Government Films—Films and illustrated nature talks at government campgrounds during summer months. Check parks information.

Jasper Chamber of Commerce **25B** —Maligne Building. Office open Monday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tel. 2-3858

Nature Trails—Guided nature walk at Maligne Canyon (from teahouse to fifth bridge) and at other locations in the Park. Also self-guided trails including one at Lake Annette **71A**. Check government information office for particulars.

News Broadcasts—CBC booster stn. (840). Times vary, but news usually on the hour with national evening news at 7 p.m. **Sports**—Monday through Friday at 7:33 a.m. and 5:40 p.m.; Saturdays at 7:35 a.m.; Sundays 10:07 p.m.

Major league baseball results posted daily at CN Telecommunications **20B**

Riding Horses (Trail riding and pack trips) — For hire on hourly or longer basis, or for back-country trips. See listing and ads.

Swimming Pools—Miette Hot Springs **80C** is open from mid-May to mid-September from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Steam rooms at Miette, same dates, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Town pool **57B** is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from mid-May to mid-June; from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. mid-June to early September.

Skating—(winters only)—Jasper Area **59B**

Tennis—Excellent courts at Recreation Centre **58B**. No charge.

JASPER HAS WIDE CHOICE OF VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS

Jasper's visitors enjoy a wide choice of accommodations any season of the year. Because good highways have traversed Jasper Park only recently, most of the motels, bungalow camps and lodges are new and modern. Within the townsite itself are year-round hotels and motels. Most of the bungalow camps, as well as Jasper Park Lodge, are beyond the town limits. Carefully-selected homes in Jasper also provide accommodation, helping to round out the visitors' choice, especially at the height of the summer season. In locating accommodations and restaurants note the numbers included with the individual listings on page 21 and the boxed ads below. By finding the corresponding number on the maps, you can easily pinpoint your destination.

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NEW INFORMATION GROUP

Canadian Rockies Tourist Council, an organization to promote national parks of the Rockies in British Columbia and Alberta, has headquarters in Edmonton. Brochures may be obtained at 309 Professional Bldg., Edmonton.

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POINTS OF INTEREST
AND
PLACES OF BUSINESS
CAN BE TRACED ON
MAPS "A", "B", AND "C"

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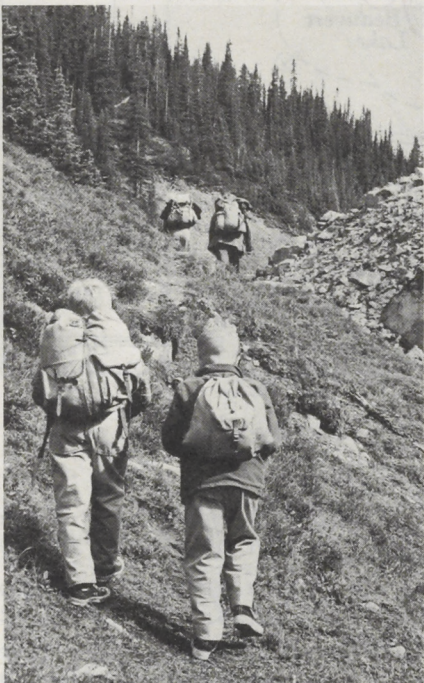
STORES OPEN IN EVENINGS DURING BUSY SUMMERTIME

Visitors are agreeably surprised at the variety and quality of goods available in Jasper.

Some of Jasper's stores specialize in excellent imported woollens, china and sportswear, while others carry worthwhile souvenirs and selections of fine Canadian handicraft. Groceries and meat markets are always well stocked. During the summer all stores remain open in evenings to accommodate late shoppers.

Check the ads here and the listings on pages 21 and 22 for beauty salons, drug stores, camera shops, hardware, sporting goods stores, souvenir shops, garages, laundromats, shirt laundries and dry cleaners, gifts, reservations, barber services and so on. Some service and recreational facilities are also listed. You'll find guest ranches, riding and pack trips, fishing supplies, canoes and boats, U-Drives and bikes, alpine guides, big game outfitters, and many others, all listed alphabetically. A supplementary HANDY REFERENCE is on page 19.

NEW NATURE TRAILS PLEASING INFORMATIVE



A program to develop awareness of the natural history of Jasper has been launched by the parks interpretive service. Already it is a popular feature.

Nature trails have been mapped out, some of which the visitor may follow on his own and others where he may be accompanied by a parks naturalist. As new trails are being introduced each year it's advisable to check at the government information office in town or at Jasper Park Lodge for particulars and the program for the current week.

Following one of the nature trails offers opportunity to take part in an unusual activity. The naturalists don't hurry, making the trails enjoyable for persons of all ages. Time is taken to identify the flowers, the birds, the animals; or the naturalist may tell something of the geology and history of the trail's environs.

Illustrated talks, some incorporating both movies and slides, are also part of the program and are given at certain campgrounds during summer. These complement the nature trails, dealing mainly with the fascinating natural history of the mountain parks.

In starting this program, the parks service aims to cultivate appreciation of Nature in forms from the highest mountain to the tiny flower. The naturalists have a little slogan—"Take only pictures; leave only footprints". It's a polite way of asking that the trails be left as they are, for those who follow to enjoy.

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Connaught Drive Store 26B
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ACCOMMODATIONS, RESTAURANTS, TEA ROOMS

Accommodations in Jasper Townsite (Map B)

Andrew Motor Lodge , Connaught Dr.	35	Tel. 852-3394
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Mount Robson Motel , Connaught Dr.	2	Tel. 852-3327
Roche Bonhomme Bungalows , Bonhomme St.	62	Tel. 852-3209
Whistlers Motor Hotel , Conn. Dr. & Miette	19	Tel. 852-3361

Accommodations, Immediate Environs of Jasper (Map A)

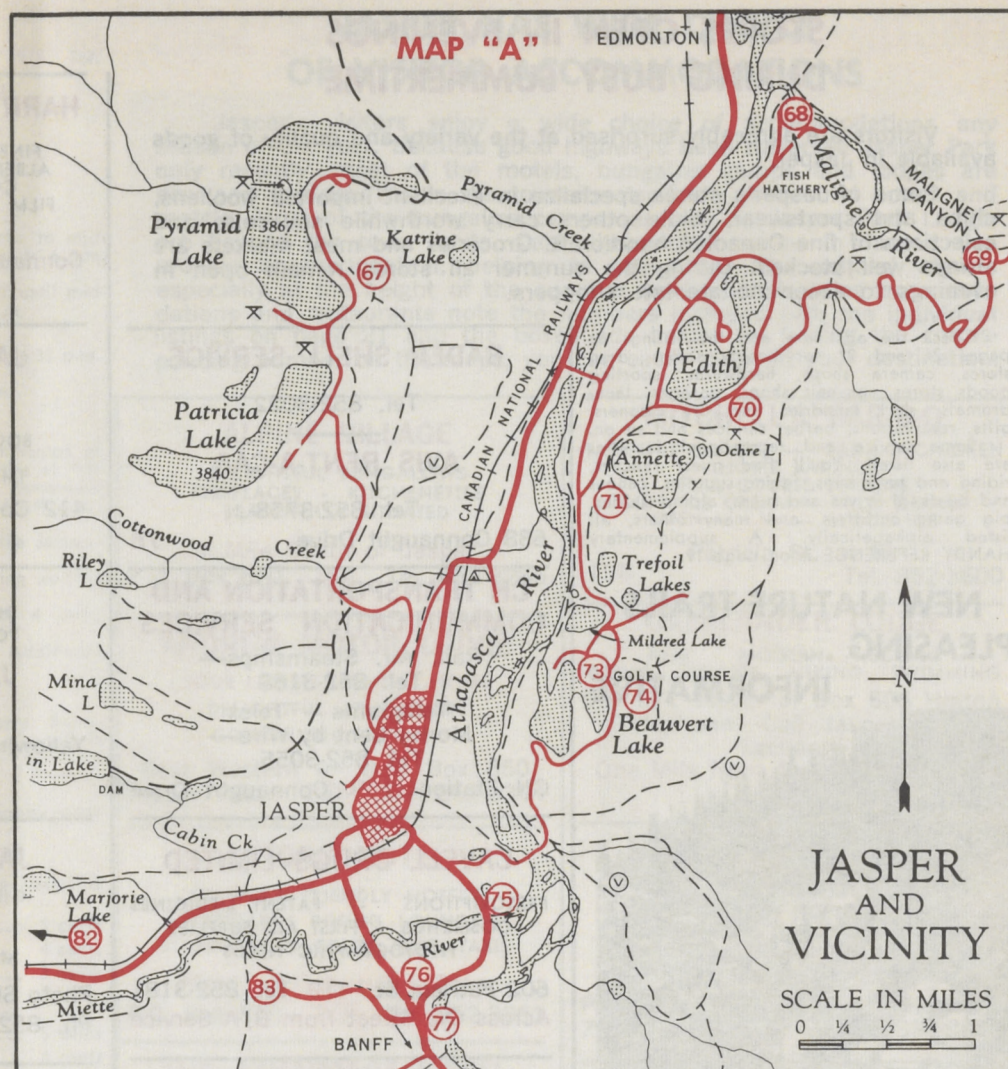
Alpine Village , 1 mi. S. J-B Highway	76	Tel. 852-3285
Jasper House Bungalows , 2 mi. S. J-B Hgy.	77	Tel. 852-3535
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Pyramid Lake Motel , 67	Call Forestry	Tel. 852-3311
Tekarra Lodge , ½ mi. S. J-B Highway	75	Tel. 852-3058
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Accommodations in Outlying Areas (Map C unless specified)

Columbia Icefield Chalet	90	Office at 43B	Tel. 852-3332
Fred Brewster's Maligne Chalet	87	Office at 27B	Tel. 852-3875
Maligne Tours and Lodge	88	Office at 25B	Tel. 852-3370
Miette Hot Springs Resort Motel	80	Call Forestry	852-3311
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Mount Robson Ranch	82	Call thru CNT	Tel. 852-3055
Overlander Lodge , Jasper east gate	78	Tel. Jasper-Edson Exch.	
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Tonquin Valley Chalet	85	Office at 73A	Tel. 852-3301

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Athabasca Restaurant , Dining Lounge, Patricia	44B	Tel. 852-3688
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Maligne Canyon Tea Room	69A	Tel. Forestry 852-3311
Miette Hot Springs Restaurant	80C	Tel. Forestry 852-3311
Mitchell's Bar-B-Q Restaurant , Patricia at Fir	15B	852-3600
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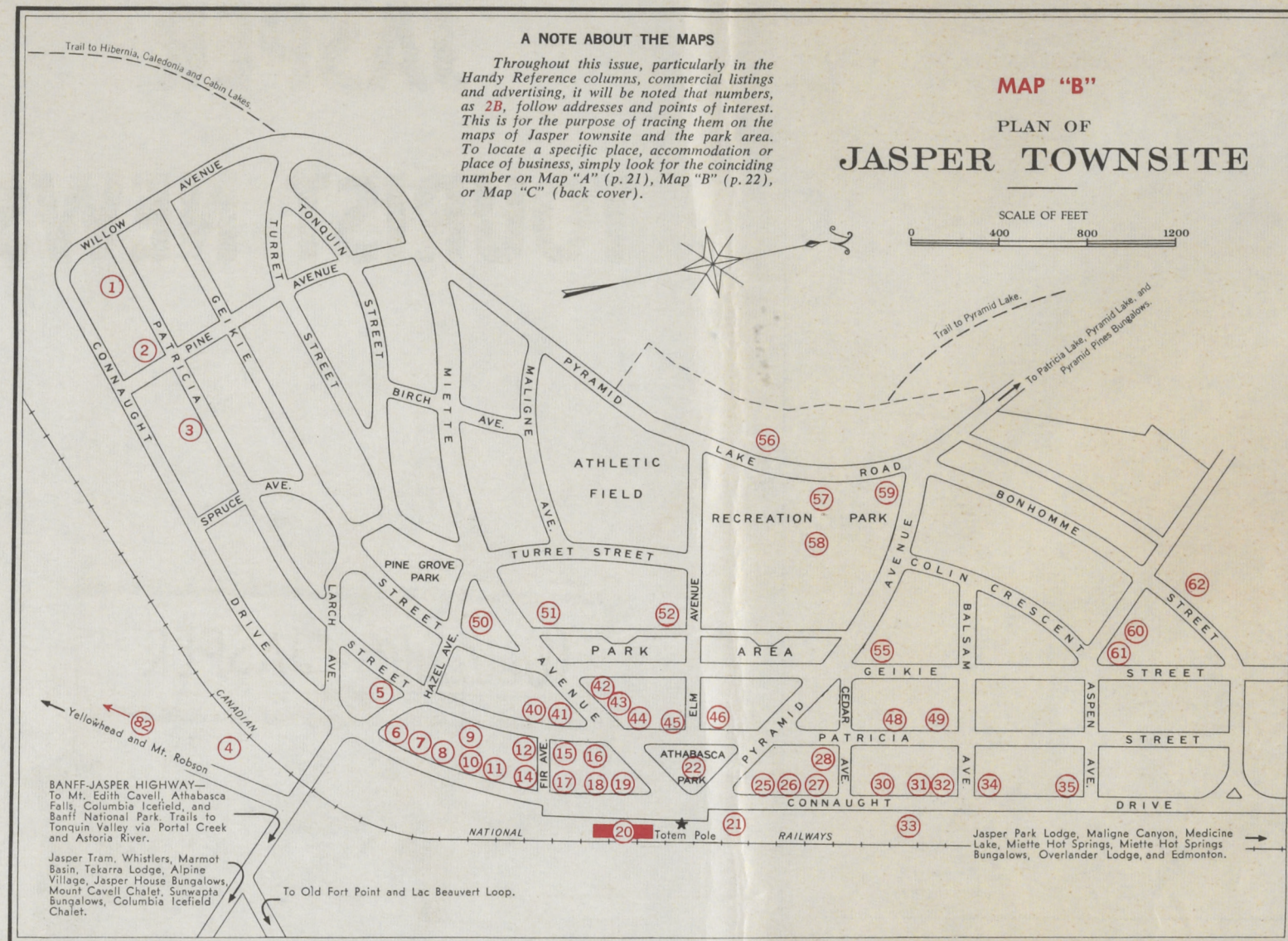
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JASPER FACTS

Area: 4200 square miles. Canada's largest mountain park. Wildlife sanctuary. Stable population of 3000.

Administration: Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa; Park Superintendent resident in Jasper, with warden staff, engineering, maintenance, offices.

Geological: Many millions of years ago a vast sea covered the area. Jasper's mountains of today are broken sea bottoms, raised at the rate of one foot or less a century. Later, the ice age filled the valleys almost to the tops of the mountains.

History: "Present day," history dates back to about 1800. Jasper became a national park in 1907. The townsite originally was known as Fitzhugh and first buildings were constructed in 1911.

Tourist Statistics: Increase of more than 500% in annual tourist travel since 1950. Jasper is now averaging about 500,000 visitors each year. Number of patrons using Miette Hot Springs pool each year now exceeds 80,000; at Jasper pool, more than 30,000.

Weather: July is Jasper's warmest but does not differ greatly from other summer and autumn months. July has average high temperature of 74 and mean of 60. June's mean is 55. August's 57, September's 50. Winter weather is generally pleasant with only a few below-zero days.